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Startling Revelations by Mr. Winston Churchill in House of Commons:
Scapa Flow Abandoned As Britain's Chief Naval Base

NELSON & BARHAM DAMAGED BY GERMAN MINE AND U-BOAT

Scapa Flow Abandoned As British Naval Anchorage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Admiralty has abandoned Scapa Flow as a naval base.

The great inland harbour off the northern coast of Scotland, which was believed impregnable to attack from the sea in the last war, will no longer provide refuge for British warships.

Decision to abandon the Base was made after a Nazi submarine succeeded in entering the land-locked harbour and torpedoing H.M.S. Royal Oak as she lay at anchor.

The announcement of the Admiralty's decision to withdraw warships from Scapa Flow was made by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons last night.

GRAVEYARD OF GERMAN NAVY

It is presumed that the decision was made by the Admiralty owing to the uncertainty of its value as protection for the fleet from either aerial or submarine attack.

Scapa Flow, in addition to providing the British Fleet with a safe anchorage in the last war, is the graveyard of the old Imperial German Navy. It was here that

Germany first practised the art of scuttling.

Mr. Churchill revealed that Scapa Flow had not been used as a naval anchorage since the torpedoing there of H.M.S. Royal Oak.

He admitted that Scapa was the Royal Navy's best strategic base.

RUSSIANS REPULSED

Strategical Withdrawal
By The Finns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27

(UP).—To-day's official Finnish

communiqué states that the

Russians suffered heavy losses

yesterday in their attacks on the

Isthmus, particularly on the

islands in the Bay of Viborg.

Russian attacks were repulsed

on the Somme, Nauttyjaervi and

Salmenkaija sectors where the

Finns captured a large quantity

of arms and ammunition and

destroyed 18 tanks.

Fighting in these sectors still

continues.

Powerful Attacks Repelled

The Finns also repelled powerful

Russian attacks at Taipale where

heavy booty was captured. Fighting

has been resumed at Kuhmo while

at Petsamo the Finns have withdrawn

to their defence positions at Nautsi.

There has been considerable aerial

activity. The Finnish air force has

been bombing Russian air bases and

munitions dumps far behind the

Russian lines.

It has been officially confirmed that

seventeen Russian planes were shot

down to-day.

Strategical Withdrawal

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 27 (UP).—

Reports from Helsingfors to-day

state that the Russian capture of

Koivisto netted "only ruins without

any military importance because the

Finns dynamited all the fortifications

and dragged off all their guns."

The Finns lost no men during the

retirement, which is described as

"strategic," the report says.

Dorsetshire In American Waters

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 27 (UP).—

The British cruiser, Dorsetshire,

which was expected here this morning

for supplies and fuel, is not arriving

to-day after all.

The festivities which had been arranged

for the officers and men to

night have been cancelled.

Churchill Utters Warning

Increased Attacks
On Shipping
Expected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—

The powerfully reinforced British

Navy is ready to "beat

down" all Nazi attacks, declared

Mr. Winston Churchill in the

House of Commons to-day, when

he also hinted that Britain might

take a sterner stand towards

neutral European nations.

Almost in the same breath he

announced additions to the Fleet

designed to resist aerial and U-

boat attacks.

Scapa Flow Abandoned

He admitted that Scapa Flow has

been abandoned as a naval base,

presumably owing to the uncertainty

of its protection, despite its strategic

and other values.

He admitted that the old "wonder

ship" H.M.S. Nelson (33,550 tons),

which was built in 1925, has been

damaged by a mine.

However, she reached port under

her own power and will shortly re-

join the fleet, he declared.

Vast Confidence

The First Lord's speech was one

of vast confidence. It detailed the

great efforts being made to build up

the British Navy to defeat the never

and greater German attacks on Brit-

ain's sea power which are expected

soon.

The speech emphasised the British

determination to carry on the war

against Nazi leadership. It contin-

ually expressed confidence in victory—

at a time when Mr. Welles is prepar-

ing to confer with Hitler in Berlin

this week.

Now Battleships

Mr. Churchill put emphasis on the

new battleships which will soon join

the fleet and said the Allied blockade

is working satisfactorily.

"The Straits of Dover are closed

and sealed, and the Northern Patrol

is being maintained by a strongly

supported cordon from Scotland to

Greenland," he said.

He explained that the blockade

could be tightened still further but

that Britain desired to "strike a

balance" and not to harm friendly

neutrals.

Lost Over 35 U-Boats

He said Germany had lost half

of her 70 U-boats by the end of

December and expressed the opinion

that they are able to build ten

new U-boats in three months.

Britain, he said, has started build-

ing a large number of naval craft

designed to destroy U-boats faster

than they can be constructed.

He added that the Admiralty has

issued "thousands of guns of all sorts

and sizes" to the British merchant

and fishing fleets for protection

against attacks from German planes.

In addition "immense preparations"

have been made to meet Nazi attacks

at sea, and Britain "now sees its way

of mastering the German system of

laying magnetic mines."

In conclusion, Mr. Churchill said

Britain expects "perhaps in the

PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, FEB. 28 (UP).—THE REVELATION THAT TWO BIG BRITISH BATTLESHIPS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY MINE AND TORPEDO WAS MADE BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT.

THE 33,500-TON BATTLESHIP, H.M.S. NELSON, STRUCK A MINE IN THE NORTH SEA.

THE 31,100-TON BATTLESHIP H.M.S. BARHAM WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY A GERMAN U-BOAT.

Anti-mine and anti-submarine bulges on both battleships saved them from destruction and both were able to make port under their own power.

Apart from the Royal Oak and Courageous, these are the only big ships of the British Navy to have been damaged or sunk since the outbreak of the war.



H.M.S. NELSON

R.A.F.'s "House To House Canvass"
In Leaflet Raid Over Berlin

DRAMATIC FLIGHTS OVER NAZI CITIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—It has been officially announced that two German bombing planes were brought down to-day.

One was shot down by a Royal Air Force fighting plane from the Command patrol off the mouth of the Firth of Forth shortly before 1 p.m., while a second was shot down by a R.A.F. plane off the coast of Northumberland.

Three members of the German plane's crew were seen to take to a rubber boat.

R.A.F. Flights into Germany
Intense air activity has resulted in the reported loss of two German bombers off the British coast, and of one of possibly two R.A.F. planes during a reconnaissance flight over the Holland coast.

The R.A.F. pushed deeply into Germany and the Nazi pilots flew over France in a sudden spurt of air action, which extended over the fighting fronts.

Leaflet Raid Over Berlin
R.A.F. headquarters in France described a "leaflet" raid over Berlin

which was "almost a house to house canvass." R.A.F. planes flew un-molested up and down above Unter den Linden, Wilhelmstrasse and Kur-fuerstendamm, littering the streets with thousands of leaflets.

Paris to-day reported that six persons were wounded by the explosion of anti-aircraft shells during a barrage in which five German planes which had penetrated the Paris region were driven off.

It is understood that several enemy bombers with fighting planes acting as escorts, flew over the north and northwest areas, while a detachment of five aircraft were seen to the PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

SOON TO REJOIN FLEET

The damage to these two powerful vessels was a secret in which to use Mr. Churchill's words, "many thousands of people were necessarily aware." It was so well-kept by dockyard and naval personnel, however, that it has only just leaked out in Germany, after it had ceased to have any importance.

Both H.M.S. Barham and H.M.S. Nelson are under repair and will be ready within a few days to rejoin the Fleet.

MAGNETIC MINE DAMAGES NELSON

Mr. Churchill revealed that the damage to H.M.S. Nelson was occasioned by a magnetic mine.

With her sister ship, H.M.S. Rodney, the Nelson is the most powerful warship afloat. Although smaller by 10,000 tons than the battle cruiser Hood, which is equipped with eight 15-in guns, H.M.S. Nelson is equipped with

nine 16-inch guns.

She is the newest battleship in

the British Navy, not counting,

of course, the seven new battle-

ships of 35,000 tons which were

either launched or under con-

struction when war started six

months ago, and one or two of

which are believed to be already

in commission.

The Nelson was launched in 1925.

Barham Served in Last War

H.M.S. Barham, whilst a powerful

unit of the Fleet, is a much older

vessel and served throughout the

Great War.

She was launched in 1914 and com-

missioned early in the following year.

Of 31,000 tons displacement, she is

equipped with eight fifteen inch guns,

and is a sister ship to the Queen

Elizabeth, Malaya and Valiant.

SCREAMING "ONIONS"

R.A.F. Encounters New
German Defences

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter's

Special Correspondent With the

R.A.F. in France).—R.A.F. long-

distance bombers, which landed

on a French aerodrome before

dawn to-day, after participating

in the most important series of

reconnaissance flights over Ger-

many since the war began, ran

the gauntlet of the whole Ger-

man anti-aircraft defence with

one exception.

Fighters were seen but they

made no attempt to attack the

raiders.

Over the heavily-fortified areas of

Western Germany, four Messersch-

mitts were spotted at different points.

The bombers were caught in the

beams of multi-coloured search-

lights. This activity was greatest

over the Ruhr district.

Heavy A.A. Barrage

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was en-

countered in the neighbourhood of

Colonge and Düsseldorf. One section

of the flight was under intense fire

for some minutes and for another

spell dodged spasmodic bursts.

"Screaming onions" (incendiary

shells which in some cases were

linked to chains designed to wrap

themselves around the raiders and

send them crashing to earth in

flames) were discharged at the

aircraft but they missed their

mark.

One battery of four guns fired

greenish coloured balls and else-

where red orange fireballs were fired

under the aircraft.

Nightmare Flight

This nightmare flight was one of

several carried out. The series, an-

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, Feb. 28, Feb. 28.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st February, Feb. 28.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon, Feb. 28.
Salon, Feb. 28.
Japan and Shanghai, Feb. 28.
Manila, Feb. 28.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 31st Jan.), Feb. 28.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 21st Feb., Feb. 28.
Canton, Feb. 28.
Manila, Feb. 28.
Haliphong and Hoihow, Feb. 28.
Japan and Shanghai, Feb. 28.
Shanghai, Feb. 28.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. late, 10th Feb.), Mar. 1.
Haliphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard, Mar. 1.
Japan and Shanghai, Mar. 1.
Salon, Mar. 1.
Shanghai, Mar. 1.

OUTWARD MAILS

Fort Bayard, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 7th March.
K.F.O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 5.30 p.m.
K.F.O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 5.30 p.m.
Straits, Thursday, Feb. 29, 7 p.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 13th March.
K.F.O.
Reg. March 29, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. March 29, 3.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. March 29, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. March 29, 3.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard, 1.30 p.m.
Haliphong, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 1
Canton, 7.15 a.m.
Haliphong, 10 a.m.
Japan, 10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, 2.30 p.m.
Salon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th March.
K.F.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. 2.45 p.m.
Ord. 3.30 p.m.
Straits, India, Egypt and London, 2.30 p.m.
London, 13th April.
K.P.O.
Parcels, Mar. 1, 3 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 1, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels, Mar. 1, 3 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 1, 5.30 p.m.
Manila, Saturday, March 2
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 21st March.
K.F.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels, Mar. 2, 6 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 4, 8.45 a.m.
Ord. Mar. 4, 9.30 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

THE TAIPO RURAL HOME AND ORPHANAGE
13½ Milestone, Taiipo.

The Orphanage will be formally opened on
Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.
His Excellency The Governor will perform the Opening Ceremony at 3.30 p.m.
All are cordially welcome.
Buses will leave the Peninsula Hotel for Taiipo at 2.00 and 2.15 p.m., and will return at 4.30 and 4.45 p.m.
Reservations must be booked beforehand at the Hongkong or Peninsula Hotel where tickets are obtainable at \$1 per Return Trip.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000 by the issue of 600,000 shares of \$10 each, and that the said 600,000 shares be divided into 180,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional shares, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

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Owing to the drastic increase in the cost of raw materials and freight, the undersigned are reluctantly compelled to increase the price of Beer by \$2.50 per case of 48 quarts or 72 pints, effective 28th February, 1940.

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Hongkong Brewery & Distillery Ltd., Hong Kong.

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Union Brewery Ltd., Shanghai.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

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Sole Agents:

Union Brewery Ltd.,

Shanghai.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.
All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before 6th March, 1940, or they will not be recognized.
Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignee at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

NIIPPON YUSEN KAISYA.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

F. G. H. Salusbury To Mrs. Atkins

TOMMY'S DAY IS JUST O.D.T.A.A.

Dear Mrs. Atkins,
I HAVE been visiting your son Thomas, who is one of the British troops in the Maginot Line, alongside the French, and I think you will want to know how he passes his time.

Here is a typical day in his life at present. It begins in the evening, just about when you are thinking of turning on the wireless.

This, you may say, is when he begins to think seriously of work.

He may have to go on patrol across the dark, puzzling belt of land which belongs to no man, and where—if you are still long enough—a wandering German may tread on the small of your back.

He may be engaged all night in wiring, digging and general trench repairing. Or he may be a sentry.

Anyhow, at the end of his various tasks, there comes "stand to."

Breakfast-Hot

Unshaven faces emerge into the daylight. Men shake themselves into their greatcoats again and wriggle their half-frozen toes, and your Tom thinks how empty he feels.

Three from each platoon go back to collect a hot breakfast.

They bring it back in vacuum containers—hot tea, bacon, beans and bread. Tom begins to feel a new man.

After breakfast he cleans his rifle and smartens himself up a bit.

If it is his turn he joins a party which goes back each day to a rest bathhouse, where there is genuine, blessed hot water for washing.

There he washes his feet with great care, has a shave and a rest, with his back against a wall and a cigarette in his mouth.

Quite possibly his eyes close, his mouth opens, the cigarette stub falls out and he starts to snore.

Tea-Also Hot

As dinner time approaches they pull themselves together and load themselves with the dinner rations for their platoon. So they return to their position.

Tea—hot tea—is brought up by another party of three about four o'clock, together with bread, margarine, cheese and something dainty, like tinned salmon.

And it is probable that Tom will pour some of his rum ration into his tea, for the cold night is about to shut down on him like a lid.

Then the whole business of night patrols begins over again.

By the way, your Tom thinks his battle dress has proved satisfactory, except for the gaiters. These ought to be three or four inches longer.

As they are they let the trousers end up too much.

You might mention this to Mr. Horc-Bellish.

A Happy Christmas to you.

Yours sincerely,

F. G. H. Salusbury

£5 TO BURN HER HOME

MRS. FLORENCE MARY SCOTT, of Brighton-road, Watford, 68-year-old widow of a coachman, made this bequest in her will:—

"£5 to my brother-in-law, John Airey, 'to burn up my home.'"

"It was impossible to carry out her wishes literally," Mr. Airey said, "because the house was not hers."

"She asked me before she died, however, to take her furniture and belongings into the garden and burn them."

"After her death I arranged with her landlord to dispose of the furniture as she directed."

Other legacies in Mrs. Scott's £421 will were:—

£50 to her sister Sarah, to be put in the Post Office Savings Bank in her own name, "and not for paying off house, but to be used for doctor's advice in your old age," and

£2 to Mrs. Burchell "for helping me with Laurie."

"Laurie" was Mrs. Scott's sister, whom she nursed for many years.

Mrs. Burchell, who is a neighbour, said, "I think everyone loved her. She was like a fairy godmother to Brighton-road."

Charlie Chaplin Was His Customer

For more than 20 years 58-year-old George Redmond sold newspapers in Piccadilly Circus.

Charlie Chaplin, when visiting London, was one of his customers.

A few evenings ago Redmond left his pitch to cross the street, was knocked down by a taxi, and killed.

He lived at Weald-square, Upper Clapton, E., and was known to thousands of West-End theatre-goers.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned at a recent inquest.

WEDDING BELLS FOR HANS & PEGGY

Evaded
Nazi
Island
Base

HANS BAUER, young Sudeten Czech refugee, for aiding whom a group including a University professor, a barrister and a magistrate were prosecuted at Liverpool, has been freed from an internment camp in England.

And soon wedding bells will ring for Hans and 18-year-old Peggy Shimmin, of Grant Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool.

Peggy had given up hope of seeing her fiancé until after the war.



JUST BACK from a raid on Heligoland, this R.A.F. pilot typifies the spirit of the young daredevils in the British Air Force.

Bauer, central figure in a case at Liverpool recently, in which six prominent citizens were charged under the aliens regulations with aiding him, is now registered with the police as a friendly alien.

"When my financial position allows it, I am hoping Peggy will marry me," Hans told a News Chronicle reporter.

And Peggy said: "It is so nice for Hans and me to be together again and I hope this will be the last of our troubles."

The couple met 12 months ago. Just after they became engaged detectives brought the news to Peggy that Hans had been arrested for an offence under the Aliens Act.

Midnight Surprise

While Hans was in the internment camp he wrote Peggy two letters of 24 lines weekly—all that was allowed—telling her that he would return immediately he was released.

When he did arrive at the house it was nearly midnight. Peggy, surprised, came downstairs overcome with joy. The ring Hans placed on her finger before he went away was still there.

Of the six men who were prosecuted for helping Hans to avoid deportation to Germany, five were £5 and the case against the other dismissed.

"It was very lucky for me," he said, "that I did find friends."

"The 14 months which I spent illegally in Liverpool were exciting. I almost developed a persecution mania because I never was used to illegal life."

GERMANS COULDN'T KILL HIM

LEEDS.

MR. WILLIAM LONSDALE, fifty-four-year-old ex-soldier, of Ewart-street, Tong-road, Leeds, drank a toast to-day to the memory of a day in 1915, when for the second time in twenty-four hours he faced a German firing squad in a prison yard—and lived to tell the story.

Plump Mr. Lonsdale, grey-haired, wearing a bowler hat, told me he would feel even more like celebrating to-day if the Army doctor he saw a few weeks ago had passed him as fit for overseas service, says a correspondent.

But the doctor marked him as fit only for home service, and that is too tame for Mr. Lonsdale.

Mr. Lonsdale was wounded and captured in September 1914 at Mons, and taken to Doberitz prisoners' camp.

Knocked Out Guard

On November 9 a bullying German guard struck him in the back with a rifle butt—and then the Yorkshire private knocked out the guard.

A Berlin military tribunal sentenced him to ten years' imprisonment. Hindenburg appealed against the sentence as too lenient, and he was retried and sentenced to death.

On January 1, 1915, he was put against a wall in a prison yard to face a firing squad. Just before he was to be blindfolded an officer spoke to the sergeant in charge, and Private Lonsdale was sent back to his cell.

The same thing happened again the following morning—twenty-five years ago to-day—and again he was taken back to his cell.

Mr. Lonsdale said: "Each time I felt quite resigned to death. I still don't know whether they were genuine last-minute reprieves, or merely a scheme to break my spirit when my appeal was pending."

The Kaiser later gave orders for the sentence to be commuted to fifteen years' imprisonment, and Mr. Lonsdale was finally released at the end of 1915.

Rejected £20,000 To Let Him Divorce Her

SWEDES

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C.-in-C.

A HUSBAND'S offer of £20,000 if his wife would provide him with evidence for divorce was mentioned in the Divorce Court recently, in England.

Mrs. Barbara Jessie Behrens, of Kent-road, Harrogate, was granted a decree nisi because of desertion by her husband, Major Edward Beddington Behrens.

At the time of the marriage in 1931 Major Behrens was 34 and his wife 21.

The case for Mrs. Behrens was that the marriage was exceedingly happy for a time, but in 1935 her husband became less attentive to her. He left her in February, 1936.

Evidence was given by Mrs. Behrens, Mr. Neville Laski, K.C. (a friend of Major and Mrs. Behrens), and Sir Montague Burton, father of Mrs. Behrens.

"Got into Trouble"

Mr. Justice Langton said Major Behrens did not go into the witness-box and his counsel took practically no part in the proceedings.

"Mrs. Behrens seems to suffer," continued the judge, "from an incurable desire to employ a solicitor and to work behind his back."

"Because of that incurable failing she has got herself into a considerable amount of trouble."

"Mrs. Behrens had had an interview with her husband on the previous day, and received from him a remarkable proposal."

"It was that she should provide him with evidence for divorce on the understanding that he would pay her £20,000 and she should have the sole custody of the child."

Ignorant of Law

"It is perhaps only fair to Major Behrens to say that he appears to have a total ignorance of English divorce law."

"I think Mrs. Behrens entertained this proposal, but in no way had given her real mental assent to it and, when she discovered that it was a flagrant breach of the law, she rejected it."

"For that reason I think it is fair and right to say that she has not



GENERAL THOENELL has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish military forces. He is 62 and has first made a survey of European armies.

disqualified herself from obtaining a decree."

The question of the child's custody was reserved.

New Minesweepers Will Blow Up All They Catch

By COMMANDER H. PURSEY, R.N.

THE Admiralty has come to the rescue of fishermen who are in daily peril of "enteching" sunken but still dangerous mines in their trawls.

Patrol and other naval craft are so busy that all they can do is sink mines by rifle fire, but now special vessels are to be fitted for the dangerous task of collecting floating mines and blowing them up.

These vessels will operate a "destructor sweep." This is a trawl with a large wooden float and an explosive charge in the "cod end."

The sweep will be towed between two vessels, which will manoeuvre round the mines to get them into the trawl.

When several have been collected—if they have not exploded of their own accord—they will be blown up by firing the charge.

By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

WHEN I went to see Monsieur Dautry to thank him for enabling me to visit the French munition factories, I ventured to ask him whether he thought flesh and blood could stand the long hours of labour, day after day, which he was demanding of the workers.

He said he was well aware that men could not be expected indefinitely to continue to work with such intensity, but in the tragic emergency he felt that he could ask them without hurt to themselves to persevere for a few months; then he added: "For every hundred thousand men Britain sends over a hundred thousand men now at the front can be released to work in my factories. That will give me 800,000 more hours of work a week and that means an hour's work less a day for 800,000 men."

Monsieur Dautry is Minister of Armaments. He is not a politician, but an engineer and a great organiser.

It was he who reduced to order the confusion of the French State railways and characteristic stories are told of his efficiency, his indefatigability and his determination.

He is a small man, with a sallow face and decided features, a thick head of graying hair and an eye of piercing brightness.

He gives you an impression of enormous energy; he is untiring and appears able to do without sleep or rest.

He himself made out for me a programme to enable me to visit factories to get an impression of the effort France was making to supply the troops with all the material needed.



I FIRST visited a sugar factory almost on the bank of the Rhine and so near the advanced posts of the enemy that it was well within range of a big machine gun; but, except that the women were evacuated, work was proceeding as quietly as in peace-time.

I saw also a factory which in peace-time produces woollen goods, and under-linen, but now is busily turning out shirts, socks and pull-overs for the troops. It is within range of a not very heavy gun. I think at least three hundred women must have been occupied there, but the only indication I could discover that they felt themselves to be working under peculiar conditions was that the permanent wave of a good many seemed to be wearing a trifle thin.

I went to a foundry which is actually in front of the Maginot Line. Women and children have been evacuated, shelters

Guns, And Still More Guns!

have been built in case of air-raids; and arrangements have been made to remove essential parts, should the Germans advance, so that it would take them the better part of a year to get the factory working again.

The steel manufactured is shipped away every night so that they would find at best only the produce of one day's work.

I think what most struck me in those works, employing now hard on two thousand men, was the sense of emptiness. In a vast shed where work was going on at full blast there was only a handful of men and they seemed to be there merely to supervise the almost human, the strangely purposeful, activity of the machines which pressed and cut and carried the huge ingots of red hot steel.

It was a very different impression I got when I visited various factories in the neighbourhood of Paris, where in one I saw the manufacture of armoured cars, in another of shells, in a third of aeroplane guns; in these and others which it would be tedious to enumerate, the crowded workers, the serried rows of machines, gave one the feeling of an intense, a fierce but regulated animation.

One thing that struck me was the pains that are taken to make the powerful and yet wonderfully manageable tanks as spick and span as a private car.

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you are made aware that danger is close; at the gateway your matches and lighter are taken from you; and so that you may be preserved from temptation you are asked to give up your cigarettes. The workmen wear wooden snobs in case of a nail in a leather sole should strike a spark on the concrete floor. They wear black overalls which are fire-proofed, and this uniform sombre-ness gives them a kind of mystery.

I saw the whole process of manufacture, from the white cotton flock saturated with ether and alcohol that looks so innocent, to the final operation which is so dangerous that only two men are allowed to go into the shed where it is performed, and there is a trench full of water within a few feet of the doors so that if there is a fire they should immediately plunge in.



IN another factory I saw, where they made explosive, the last part of the process takes place in little cubicles so made that the roof and front will blow out if there is an explosion, and each man works alone so that he alone may be killed.

Grim! And yet so true is it that familiarity breeds contempt, these workmen, and there are twelve thousand of them at the powder factory, go about their business with as little concern as the women I had seen at the front making shirts and sweaters.

Everywhere the workmen seemed wonderfully alert, with keen faces and intelligent eyes. I could not but be struck by the pride each seemed to take in his particular job.

Not only foremen, but even ordinary workmen, explained the mechanism of the complicated instrument they dealt with, almost with eloquence. They were professional men every bit as much as lawyers or doctors. They are prepared to endure as long as necessary the interminable hours of arduous toil for they are aware that their efforts are for the security of their country and the welfare in the future of their children.

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I spent one morning at a powder factory. From the moment you enter one of the many small buildings

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COMMAND PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions and appointments in the Royal Artillery, China Command, have been notified by Headquarters with effect from February 1:

Lieutenants E. W. S. Anderson, C. Rochford-Boyd and A. R. Colquhoun to be acting Majors; Lieutenants D. R. G. M. Graham, W. N. J. Pitt, A. O. G. Mills, W. A. Ingram, H. B. D. Bartram to be acting Captains; the appointment of acting Major C. Champkin is confirmed with effect from January 29; Lieutenant H. S. Forster relinquishes the acting rank of Captain.

In the Royal Engineers, Lieutenant H. C. Cartwright-Taylor is an acting Captain with effect from December 9, 1939.



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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Religious Films

HOLLYWOOD seems to be seized with an urge for stories of a religious trend. Cecil de Mille has planned a film of the life of Mary of Nazareth. This production will be started in the spring.

It will be Cecil de Mille's 67th picture. Casting is still to be tackled. No one knows who will play Mary but rumour has it that the role will be given to Madeleine Carroll.

Cecil de Mille is famous for his biblical epics. Remember "The Ten Commandments" made in 1923; that great film, "The Sign of the Cross"; and the silent film masterpiece, "The King of Kings" made in 1927. His new biblical epic will be made as a companion picture to "The King of Kings".

Another religious film scheduled for production this spring is "Marching as to War," dealing with the life of General William Booth.

Now "The Great Commandment," starring Tyrone Power, is announced by 20th Century-Fox as "a story of Jesus bringing about peace in the Jewish revolt against the Romans in A.D. 30".

The modest British project to film the entire Bible, mooted a year or so ago, seems to have gone cold.



BEN Turpin, (above) the 72-year-old cockeyed comic of the early slapstick school who retired from films in 1925, has been engaged for a featured role with Laurel and Hardy in their latest film "Two's Company". Turpin has the role of a plumber whose crossed eyes are responsible for the erratic plumbing in the Laurel and Hardy apartment.

"U-Boat 29" Coming

IT is now learned that the British film "U-boat 29" which went up before the Malayan Film Committee of Appeal was later shown in Singapore with great success.

There is every hope that it will be shown in Hongkong shortly.

This film, which is being distributed by Columbia Films, is reported to have established an all-time record for Columbia in Singapore with a gross reaching phenomenal proportions. It broke records in many cities and piled up heavy receipts in Caracas, Venezuela.

This film was generally released throughout Great Britain under the title of "Spy in Black".

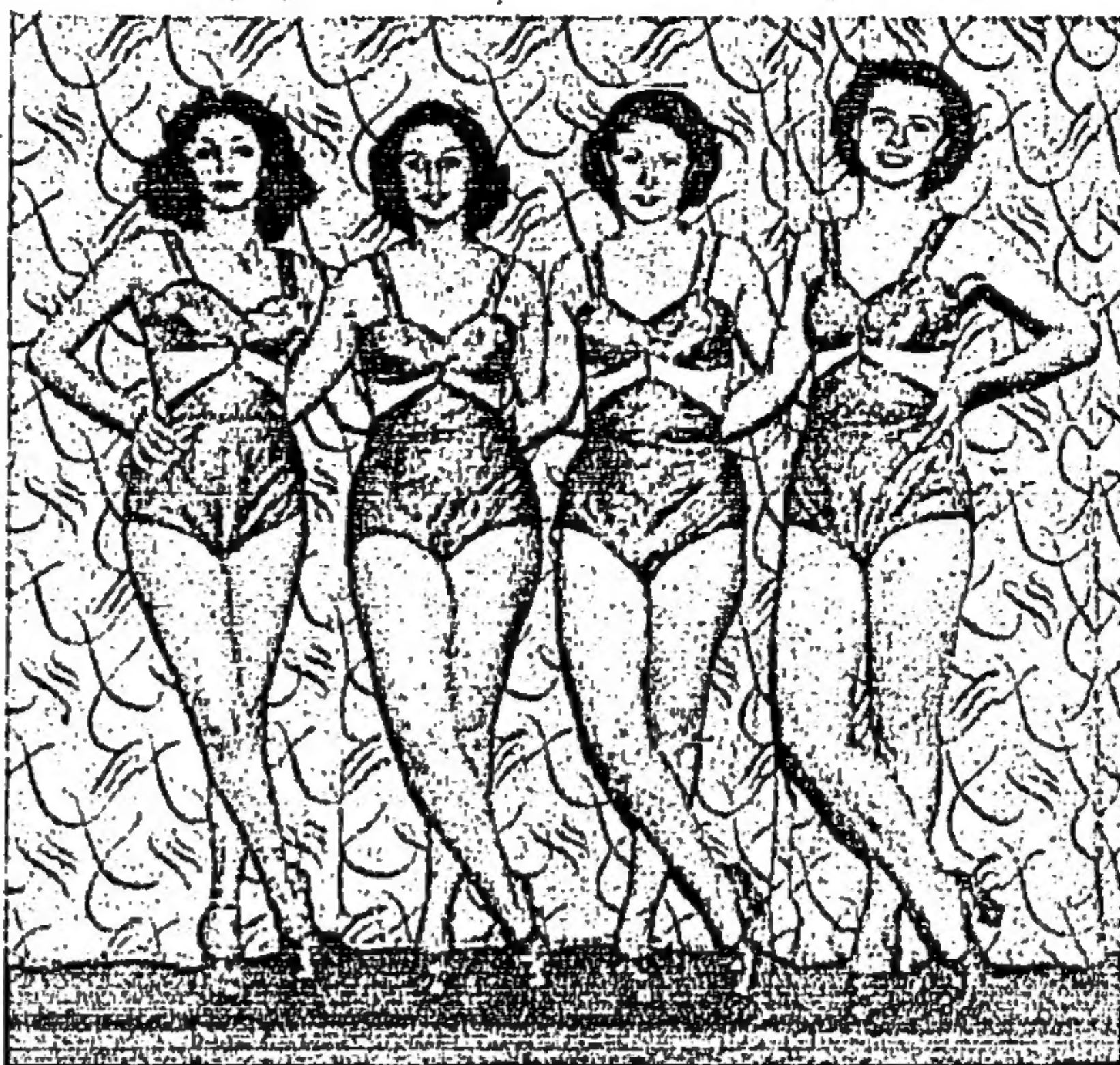


CONRAD Veidt (centre) takes the leading role in "U-boat 29," a British film, which will be shown in Hongkong shortly.

GERMAN ATTACHE

Tokyo, Feb. 27.
Rear-Admiral G. W. Venniker, new Naval Attaché to the German Embassy, and Captain Giuseppe Prelli, new Naval Attaché to the Italian Embassy, accompanied by their families arrived in Tokyo on Monday.—Domei.

Leap Year Ball Dancers



FOUR of the dancers who will entertain at the Leap Year Ball to be held at the Cloucestor Hotel on February 29 in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

War Clauses In Contracts

HOLLYWOOD'S motion picture industry began recently to write "war clauses" into players' contracts.

Joan Fontaine received the first of these as she was called to sign a long term contract with Selznick International studios, where she was filming "Rebecca".

Only recently married to Brian Aherne and aware of the fact that theatrical couples are too often separated by the demands of two different careers, Miss Fontaine requested a special clause in her contract to prevent any long separations.

The clause, as written in, permits Joan to take leave of absence to accompany her husband on any trip providing she is not engaged in actual production herself.

However, the studio, to protect its star, insisted on a "war clause" being added. Since Joan's husband is a British subject likely to be called to the colours, the studio further specified that Joan could take her leaves of absence except for the purpose of going into any war zone.

Commenting on the unusual clause in her contract, Miss Fontaine said, "Marriage is much more important to me than a career. But I'd like to have both."

"Tarzan Finds A Son"

The M.G.M. production "Tarzan Finds A Son" has proved very popular in Shanghai. According to latest reports received, the film was shown for 32 consecutive performances. It is believed that the gross on this production will probably exceed the gross on "The Wizard of Oz."

"Tarzan Finds A Son" is another episode of the popular series created by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan take the principal roles. The film introduces five year old John Sheffield.

This film will be shown in Hongkong sometime next month.

AT THE CINEMAS

Queen's and Alhambra: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (Charles Laughton). King's "Hawaiian Nights" and "Joe Louis vs. Arturo Godoy World's Heavyweight Championship." Oriental: "Newsboys Home" (Jackie Cooper, Edmund Lowe). Majestic: "Captured" (Leslie Howard, Doug Fairbanks Jr.)

Leigh-Taylor Team

VIVIEN Leigh and Robert Taylor will co-star in "Waterloo Bridge," an adaptation of Robert E. Sherwood's play of the same name.

Production recently started at the M.G.M. studios. Merwyn Le Roy is directing the film, with Sidney Franklin as producer.

"Waterloo Bridge" will be Vivien Leigh's first American film role following "Gone with the Wind".

She has, however, appeared before in films with Robert Taylor. This was in "A Yank at Oxford," made by M.G.M. in England, two years ago.

"The Yearling"

Marjorie Rawlings' popular novel, "The Yearling" is to be produced as a film by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Marc Connelly and four other writers will adapt the novel for the screen.



Charles Laughton, famous British actor, who takes the leading role in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," an RKO-Radio film, now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Wharf And Godown Co. Dividend Of \$7

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., report that, subject to audit, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31 is \$1,203,785.73. The amount brought forward from the year 1938 being \$262,077.12, the total now available, for distribution is \$1,465,862.85.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders, the Directors will recommend an appropriation as follows.—To pay a dividend of \$7 per share, \$830,000; to transfer to General Reserve A/c, \$400,000; to transfer to Repairs and Renewals A/c, \$11,074.29; to carry forward \$424,188.56; total \$1,465,862.85.

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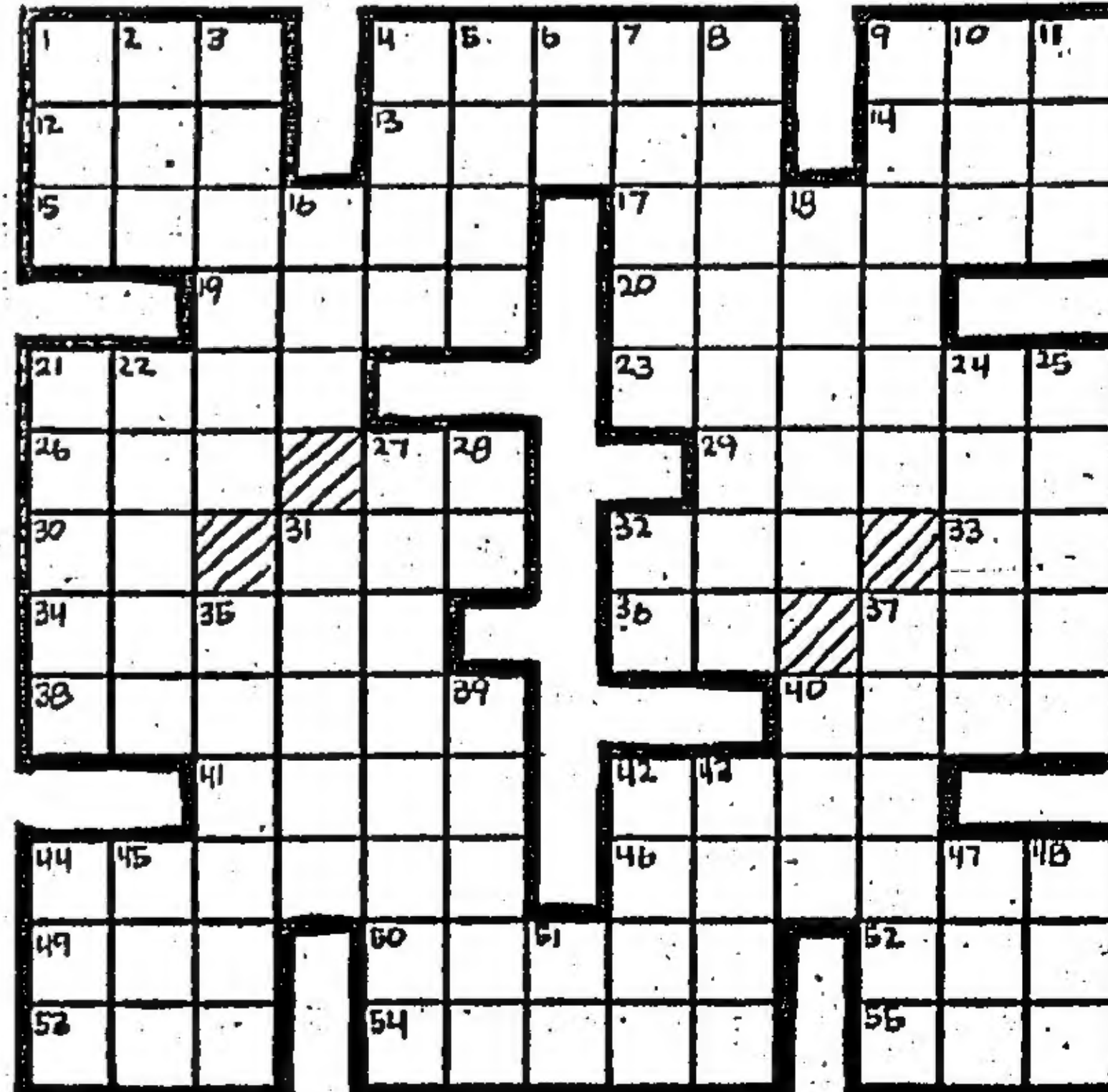
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-Bit of cloth
2-Flower-tracts
3-Leverage
4-Exposure to public
5-Publishable
6-Visit
7-Dishes
8-Article of dress
9-Immense
10-At any time
11-Bolled dish
12-Gober
13-Look over
14-Fires in chest
15-French; not Frenchman
16-Moray
17-Half-cm
18-Tand in Mediterranean
19-Fairly noisy
20-Brown kiwi
21-Snow and rains
22-Blower
23-Vaseline
24-Pretext for publication
25-Infimal system of measurement
26-Isaac
27-Unworked metal
28-Hot water

29-He sick
30-Minute
31-Examination
32-And it
33-Flour
34-Relating to stars
35-Confidence (plural)
36-Always (poetic)
37-Kind of marble
38-Kind of fort
39-Layers of nesting matter
40-Referring to tone
41-Male voice
42-Compelling
43-Bitter harangue
44-In process of
45-Guide
46-It did in F
47-Matt's name
48-Ceremony
49-European falcon
50-Toupee
51-Sea eagle
52-Performer
53-Bovine sound
54-Speech
55-Before
56-Arrange
57-He (French)

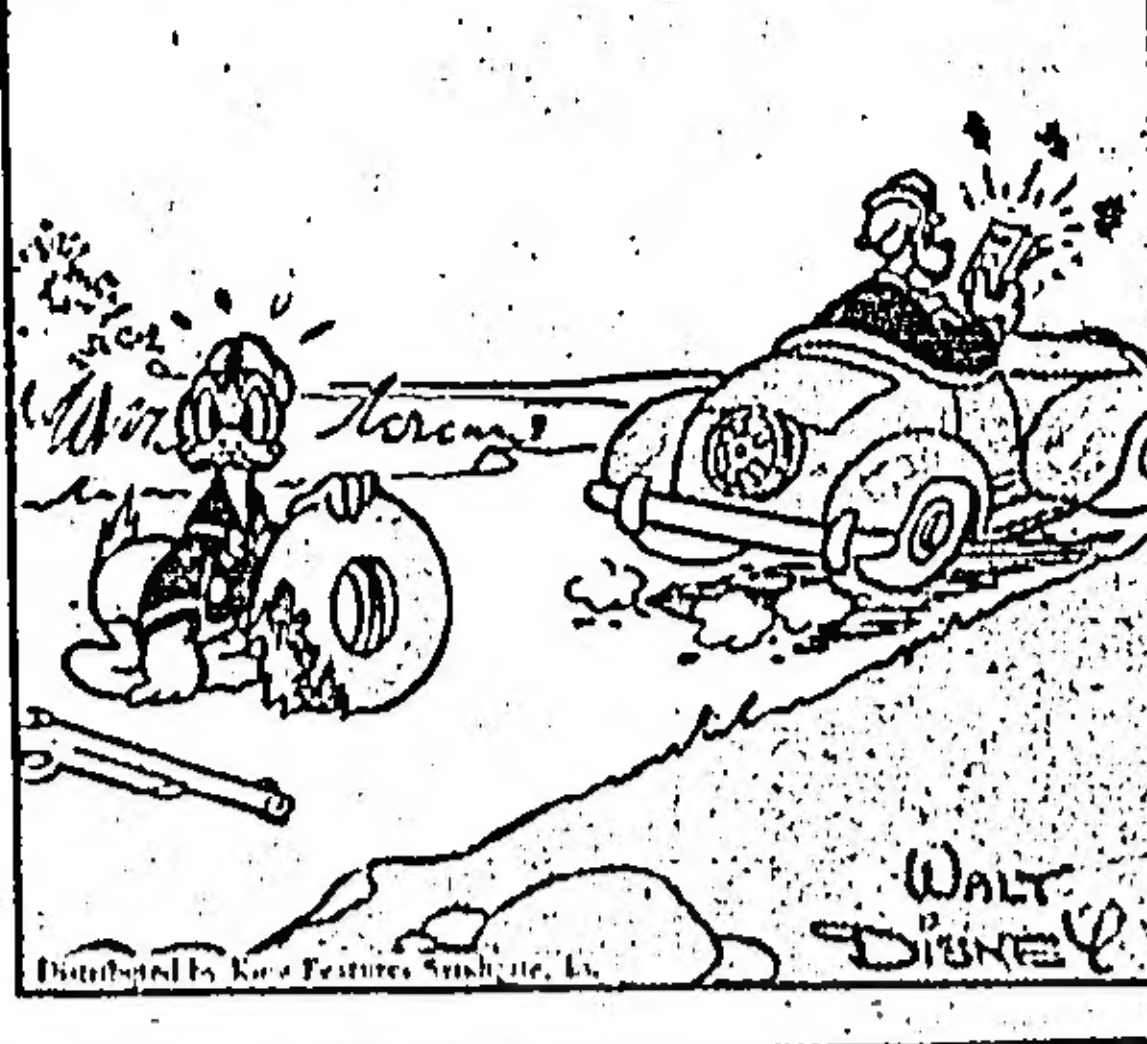
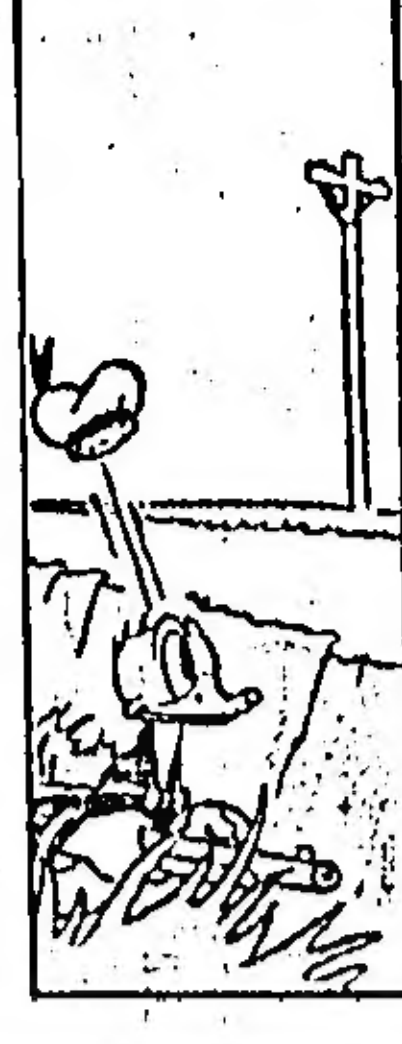


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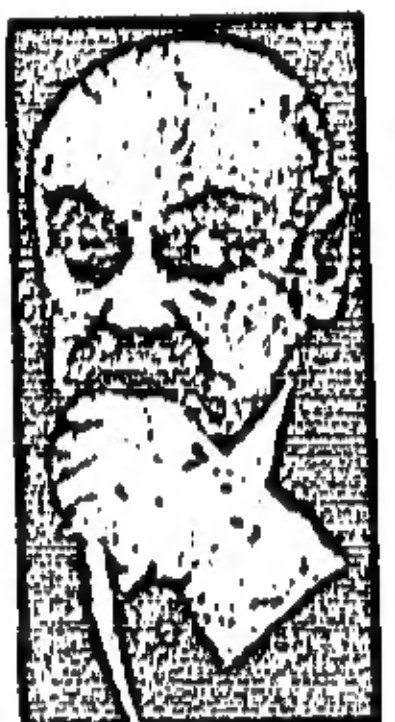
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR EXPLAINS

DYING BIRD CHANGED HIM

THOMAS HILL, aged 22, who was placed on the roll of conscientious objectors, told Manchester tribunal this story:

Lived 57 Years For His Dream

FIFTY-SEVEN years ago Charles Sheath, a railway clerk, became spare-time director of a daring new venture, the Channel Tunnel Company. Year after year a meeting was held. Each annual report ended with the words: "No dividend yet."



Mr. Charles Sheath

Still Mr. Sheath believed in the Channel Tunnel.

He went to Folkestone to live near the derelict tunnel-shaft, now covered by a railway siding.

Before it was closed he took famous visitors—Queen Alexandra, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone—along the 2,000-yard trial tunnel under the sea, and told seafarers they were old fashioned.

Smiles' Message

Recently, still near the tunnel of his dreams, he died, aged 90.

When Mr. Sheath was a boy, Samuel Smiles, who wrote the famous Victorian guide to success, "Self-Help," once told him: "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

He stayed a railway man for 75 years, graduating from a junior clerk to a director of the Southern Railway. It was his tunnel that gathered the moss.

LEAVE AND FREE RAIL DECISIONS

IMPORTANT changes in conditions of service in the Merchant Navy were agreed upon at meetings of the navigating and engineer officers and sailors and firemen and catering panels of the National Maritime Board.

The officers' panels agreed, as from March 1, next, to increase the Board's standard rates of pay of navigation and engineering officers by £2 a month and 10s. a week.

The officers for the regulation of officers' hours of duty, both in the foreign and the home trade.

The owners have tabled proposals, and it is expected that an agreement will soon be reached.

Liverpool Port Agreement

The Shipping Federation and the Employees' Association of the Port of Liverpool replied to the claims submitted on January 19 by the National Union of Seamen, and the following agreements were reached, to come into force on March 1 next: Standard Rates: The National Maritime Board standard rates of pay for ratings, which have been unchanged since January 1, 1939, to be increased by £1 a month and 5s. a week (half increase for boys).

Seafarers' War Risk Money: To be paid at the same rate for all adults, irrespective of rank and rating, i.e., £5 a month and £1 3s. 4d. per week (half rate for boys).

Wartime Leave

It was also agreed in principle that ratings should be given periodical wartime leave on pay in the United Kingdom. The detailed practical arrangements are to be drawn up by a special committee of the Sailors' and Firemen's and Catering Panels. It was also decided to ask the Government to provide merchant officers and seamen with two free rail vouchers a year on the lines of the arrangements which apply to the Royal Navy and to certain merchant ships in attendance on the Fleet.

When I was seven years old my father, who was a crack marksman, gave me an airgun.

I went out shooting sparrows. One fell almost at my feet. Its beak was shot away.

"Wicked Thing"

I took it in my hands. It looked at me with its bright, sharp eyes, and something told me I had done a very wicked thing.

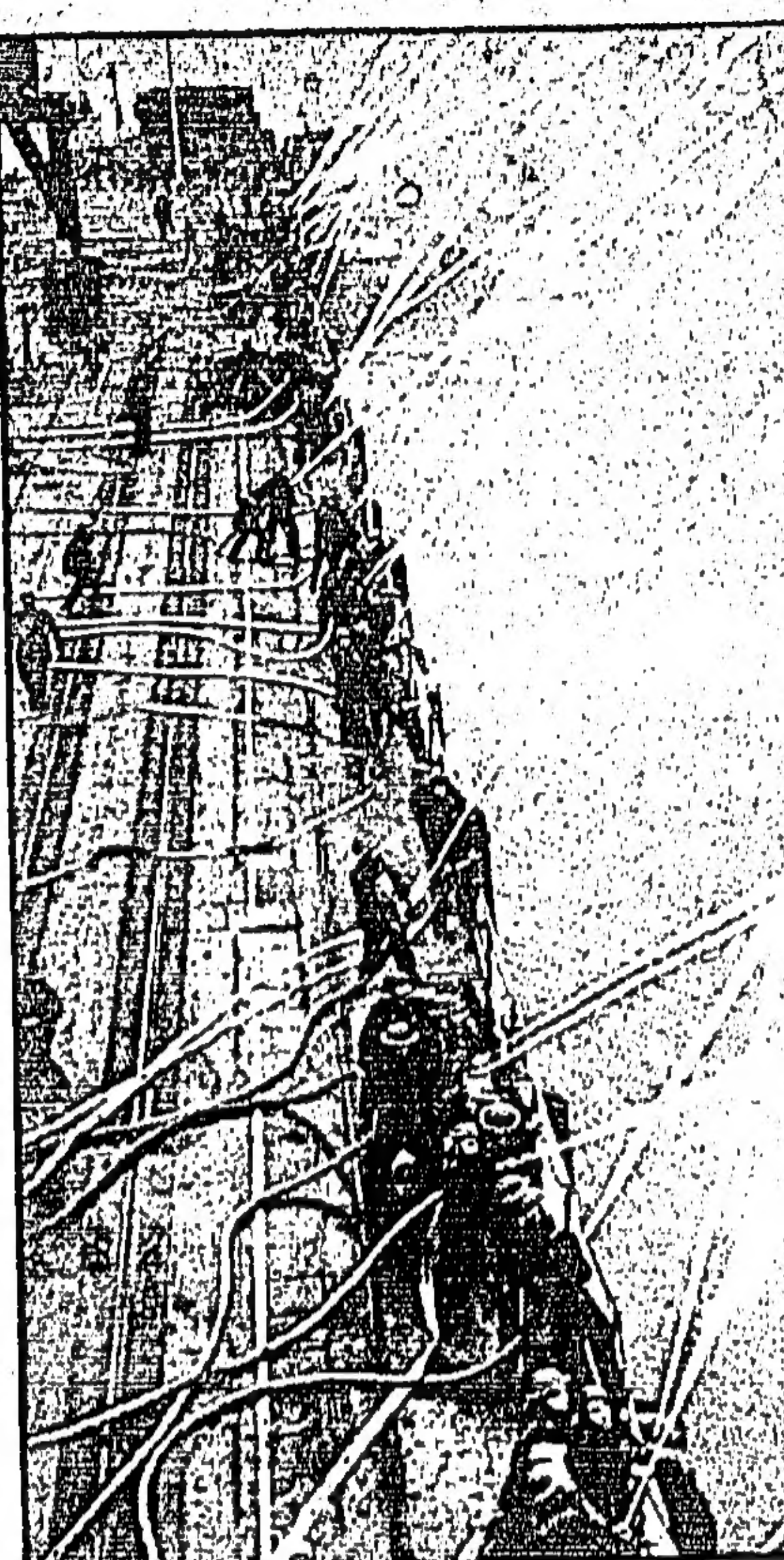
When the war began my employers turned to making war material. My conscience compelled me to resign. War and all forms of killing seem wrong to me.

12,000 'PLANES IN TWO YEARS

NEW YORK. It is reported here that Great Britain and France are planning to buy 12,000 military aeroplanes in the United States within the next two years. Nearly all will be fighting models, since training 'planes are to be built in Canada.

American aeroplane factories are being rapidly enlarged, and before midsummer they will produce 'planes worth £12,000,000 monthly.

WHEN THE WAR BEGINS



Old Soldier "Too Gentle" For War

VIVID memories of front-line havoc in the last war flooded the mind of Mr. Edgar Thorp Nettleship, of Hull, when he saw his 19-year-old nephew in uniform last November.

They were too much for him. On December 1 he was found hanged.

His will, reveals that he wrote it in France during the last war.

Written In France

It was in the form of a letter to his sister, now Mrs. McTurk, of North-road, Hull, to whom he left everything.

Mrs. McTurk said:—"My brother was too gentle to be a happy soldier. The letter was written on canteen or Y.M.C.A. paper—after his first experience of fighting, which had obviously horrified him."

"The outbreak of this last war seemed to deprive him of all interest in life."

"He had it on his mind that he had killed a German."

Celebrated

"A few days before he died my 19-year-old son, who was a Territorial, came home on leave. We had a little dinner to celebrate, and my brother was present."

"Although he seemed quite all right in himself, it was obvious that the sight of my son in uniform had brought the war home to him and upset him very much. 'War was really too horrible for him.'"

In his letter Mr. Nettleship wrote:—"I got my first taste of battle, shells over my head, as I got out of the train. Can manage the guards all right, but the marching my feet won't stand, as they blister and swell. "Pleased to get plenty to eat and that is the main thing for this life. Money is no good. You cannot spend it. "Can say nothing to the British Government. They do the best for the soldiers."

"CAME TO TEA," REDS TOLD

THE Finns are inviting the Red troops whom they have surrounded at Kuhmo to drop in for tea.

Finnish 'planes are flying over the Russian lines dropping leaflets, signed by the Divisional Commander, which read:

"Tie a white bandage round your forehead, put your gun over your shoulder, and come and surrender."

"We treat all Russians like human beings. We will receive you between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning and from 4 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The closing off in prices noticed at the close yesterday was again in evidence to-day. However, in spite of this, business continues on a generous scale.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,400
 Union Insurance \$480
 Hotels \$5 1/2
 Humphreys \$7 1/2
 Tramways \$18.20
 Yau-mat Ferries \$27 1/2
 Electric \$38
 Ropes \$6
 Entertainments \$7.30

Sellers

H.K. Bank \$1,480
 Hotels \$5.00
 Lands \$41
 Tramways \$18.40
 Electric \$409
 Telephones (New) \$12 1/2
 Watsons \$9.50

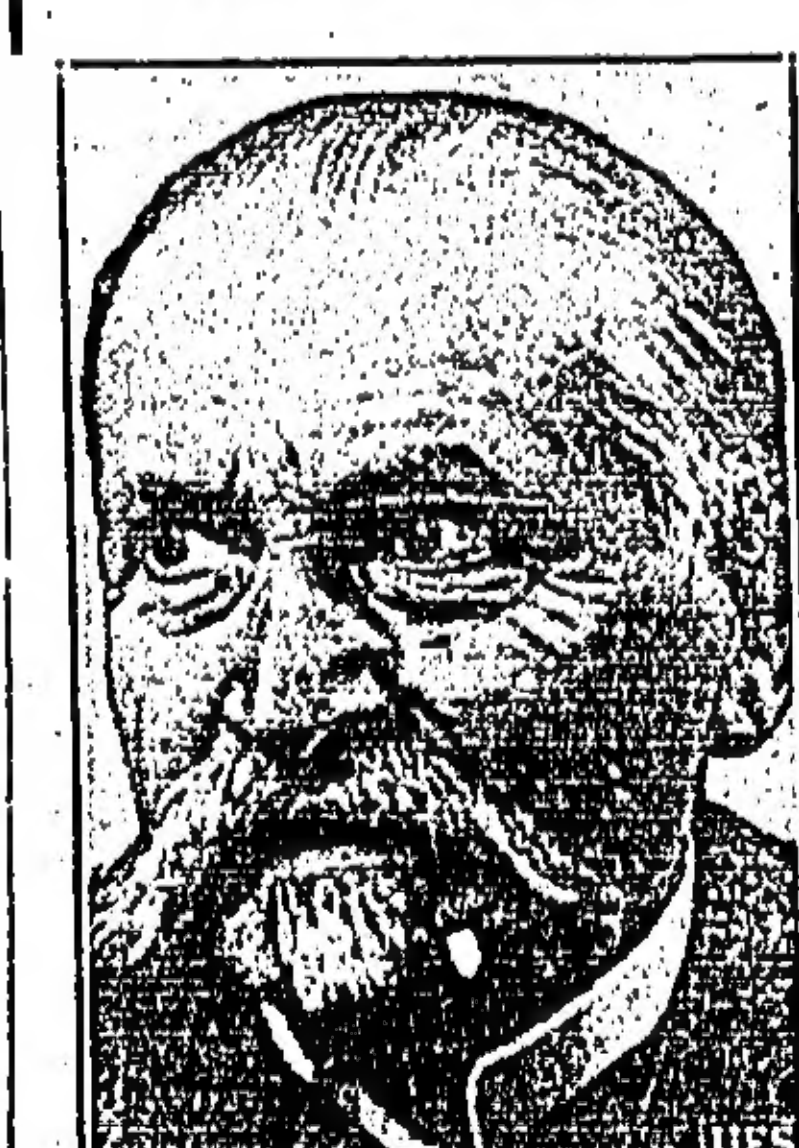
Sales

H.K. Bank \$1,480/75
 Bank of East Asia \$77
 China Insurance \$482 1/2
 Docks \$24 1/2/24 1/2/23.00
 Providents \$5.05/5.
 Lands \$40/40 1/2
 Realities \$5
 Tramways \$18.40/23/30
 Yau-mat Ferries \$28
 China Lights (Old) \$8.80/7.0
 Electric \$69/68 1/2
 Telephones (Old) \$31 1/2/31 1/2/31
 Telephones (New) \$12/12.10
 Cements \$20.10/20.20/20.
 Ropes \$6.10
 Dairy Farms (Old) \$23.90/23.60
 Watsons \$9.50

Camouflage Can Be Dangerous

ATTEMPTS to camouflage historic buildings, such as cathedrals, may cause irreparable damage.

HE LEADS THE DEFENDERS



LEADER—New picture of President Kyyro Kallio of Finland, who leads the destinies of embattled 4,000,000 people in the fight to repel the Soviet invaders.

This warning has been issued by the Ministry of Home Security.

It is pointed out that many well-known buildings would inevitably be recognised from the air by their characteristic planning and position.

Even if the roofs or other surfaces were partially discoloured by painting or similar treatment the buildings would still be recognisable.

Another danger is that any treatment which could be regarded as camouflage might give the enemy opportunity to suggest that the building was being used for military purposes.

Effective camouflages would have to be carried to such lengths that a great deal of the beauty of the structure might be lost beyond repair.

Structural precautions for protection against the effects of air attack may be advisable in some cases, but this should not extend to external disfigurement, adds the Ministry.

MANNERHEIM'S DAUGHTER

THE elder daughter of Field-Marshal Mannerheim, leader of the Finnish armies in their fight against Russia, is living in London.

Her name is Anastasia, and she is a nun in a convent.

She went to England when she decided to change her religion from Protestant to Catholic.

U. S. POLICE PUT SPECIAL GUARD ON BRITISH SHIPS

NEW YORK.

SPECIAL police squads began twenty-four-hour guard duty on the piers at Hoboken, New York, where British ships are moored, by request of the British Consulate.

It is reported that a warning was received by the Consulate that an attempt would be made to place bombs on board British ships.

Divorce Decree For A Judge

Army law gives other woman £2, wife 11/-

Soldier's wife (and three children): 11s. a week.

The Other Woman (and two children): £2 a week.

CORPORAL GEORGE THOMAS FAULKNER, of the Royal Scots Greys, was summoned at West London Police Court for failing to maintain his wife, Georgina. He was said to have left her for another woman.

Here, according to the evidence, is how the three people in this triangle stand:

THE WIFE: Her husband left her six years ago for the Other Woman. But he supported his wife regularly until the Army called him up as a reservist.

Then everything ceased. She got nothing.

THE HUSBAND: He received 4s. 9d. a day, of which 2s. was deducted for his dependents.

THE OTHER WOMAN: Corporal Faulkner had claimed an allowance for her and her two children, and she received £2 a week.

THE MAGISTRATE, Mr. Paul Bennett, found that under the Army Act a soldier must retain one-quarter of his pay.

A DECREE NISI was granted in the Divorce Court to Mr. Justice George Gilmour Robinson, a puisne judge of the High Court of Northern Rhodesia.

He was given custody of the one child of the marriage and costs against the co-respondent, Mr. Leslie H. Williams.

The suit was undefended, and evidence was given on affidavit.

The husband's case was that in 1938 his wife told him she was in love with Mr. Williams, and last February that she was going away with him.

Misconduct was alleged at a London hotel last March.

Mascot Was Stowaway

PETER, an Alsatian dog, was left behind when the battalion to which he had attached himself was transferred from the north to the south of England—or so they thought.

But when the battalion detrained, Peter materialised from nowhere barking and wagging his tail.

He had stowed away among the baggage.

Peter is to continue as the battalion's mascot.

ter of his pay. The most that he could allow his real wife and two children was eleven shillings a week.

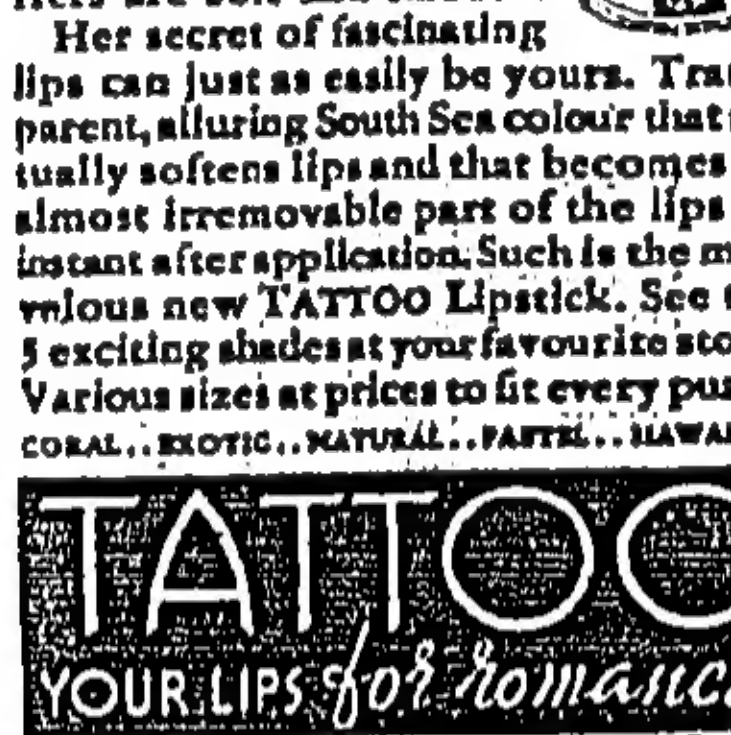
So Mr. Bennett made out a maintenance order for eleven shillings a week.

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The Minesweepers

There is no branch of the services to which the thoughts of an island people turn with more anxiety and gratitude than to the men who man the little ships that strive to keep the waters clear for the sea-borne traffic on which our existence depends.

Kipling did justice to the minesweepers in the last war in that rousing song that Elgar set to music:

Mines reported in the fairway;

Warn all traffic and detain;

*Send up Unity, Claribel, Assyrian,
 Stormcock and Golden Gain.*

It is vital to the safety of Britain that our fishermen should be willing in time of war to bring to the hazardous business of our defence the skill and endurance that give them a poor enough return in time of peace, and they have never been found wanting.

To-day their task is pursued without ceasing in the face of risks unknown before, for to the rage of winter storms and the menace of mine and torpedo is added the threat of attack from the air.

The sailor knows, and the landsman can well guess, what fortitude is needed for the work and what hardship it entails, yet among all the organisations for lightening the lot of this or that branch of the services none deals with the crews of the coastal craft that are so often in our minds. At least the monotony and anxiety of cramped quarters and constant peril can be lightened by the provision of wireless sets and of facilities for such games as can be played on board.



Goebbels: "What's wrong with Hermann?"

Ribbenflop: "The Fuehrer has just broken it to him that his medals must be melted down for munitions."

First time up, in charge of a bomber

by J. STUBBS-WALKER

ALMOST every day now you hear about those far-away things that the men of the Royal Air Force are doing. Outlandish feats of courage and endurance in a world about which you probably know little.

There is, in the air, a splash of modern adventure which tinges the exploits of the war pilots with a glamour difficult to find in the mud-drenched fields of France and Germany.

Yet it is more than likely that many of them, twelve months ago, had never flown an aeroplane.

LET me give you a detailed picture of what it is like to take over the controls of an aeroplane—a bomber—for the first time.

We are not concerned now with actual bombing—merely the piloting of the machine.

Our learner has been training on the ground for weeks before he flies, and, if his hands and feet lack the necessary delicacy of touch, his brain has at least grasped the elements of flying.

And these are not so difficult. The first time that you are taught to fly you are shown just where everything is. In a primary training machine, it is all surprisingly simple: feet on rudder pedals, right hand holding the joystick—gently—and the left hovering near the control for the throttle.

So simple—you think—that you cannot go wrong. Until, after he has explained it all, your instructor tells you to take over the controls.

And then you begin really to learn how to fly....

IN that training plane in which you make your first mistakes—two large dials show your height and your speed. A smaller dial shows you the number of revolutions being made per minute by the engine. Another registers the engine oil pressure.

Probably, too, there is a pale green tube of glass, slightly curved and with a bubble floating in it. It shows you when the machine is level, laterally.

Compare the simplicity of that cockpit with the pilot's seat in a modern twin-engined machine. His controls are very nearly the same—a joystick (we call it a control-column "these days") and rudder pedals.

But before him is a board containing the most impressive array of instruments imaginable. Anything from 20 to 30 dials register such obscure things as engine boost pressure, oxygen supply,

position of the retractable undercarriage, angle of the variable pitch propellers.

Instead of the simple ratchet that controls the throttle, he has a gantry of arms in the centre of the cockpit—a miniature railwayman's signal-box.

These control the pitch of the propeller, the mixture of the fuel, the speed of the engines, and, in some planes, the rows of bomb-racks beneath the plane.

On top of all that, he has controls for the wing flaps which slow him down when he is landing, and for the wheels which he tucks away neatly when he is flying.

When he is on a bombing or reconnaissance flight, he has to think as well. Apart from the control of his plane he is responsible for watching for enemy machines.

Strapped to his mouth is the oxygen feed that is necessary at heights of more than 15,000 feet. He must remember to turn that on

and keep it at the right pressure, otherwise, and without warning, he is likely to collapse at his controls.

If he is bombing, it may be his responsibility to sight the target they are attacking, and either drop the bombs himself or give the instructions to one of his crew.

If he is fighting, he must control his own forward-firing guns, sighting them through a ring-sight before his face, and remembering to manoeuvre into every possible position to give his rear gunner a chance to get in bursts of fire whenever possible.

HE must dodge anti-aircraft shells, never get lost, look for cloud cover that may shield him from attack, and last of all, in the event of disaster, he must give every member of his crew the chance to get away before he himself leaps.

A job for a he-man; much more a job for a man of real intelligence and cool reasoning.

A year ago, after he stepped from the simple plane in which he had made his first solo flight, he probably told himself that, though he had mastered the first step, he would never have the nerve to fly one of those vast £20,000-or-more death-carriers.

But he has.

NAVAL CONTROL

By Admiral Sir R. Bacon

ONE of the most important factors in the successful waging of war is the exercise of common sense. Closely allied to this is the necessity for all services and individuals to subordinate both personal and corporate considerations to the furtherance of the war.

During my period of command of the Dover Patrol in the Great War the advisability of concentrating all the coastal defences under one single head became indelibly stamped on my mind.

The situation at Dover so far as coastal defence was concerned became almost impossible. The gun defences were under military control, the gunners had had no practical training in the recognition of the differences between our own and enemy vessels. The fishermen who manned our own vessels and defences were unaccustomed to paying meticulous attention to written orders, so that it was more by good fortune than anything else that regrettable incidents were avoided.

I QUOTE this old experience to show the evils of divided command. The common-sense solution of the impasse was to put the batteries under my orders; not because I was an Admiral, or wished to grab units under the command of some other authority, but because I and my chief of the staff were the only persons at Dover who possessed accurate knowledge as to when an enemy's vessel might or might not be expected, and also the general disposition of our own vessels.

So far as the air service was concerned, the whole of the air force at Dover and Dunkirk was under my command, with the result that everything went like clockwork. The aeroplanes and seaplanes worked with the monitors when we bombarded the dockyard at Ostend or the locks at Zebrugge.

The pilots and their commanding officer came over to Dover when necessary, and I explained to them exactly what I proposed to do and what I wished them to do. Consequently there was never any doubt on their part nor had the orders to be transmitted through a third party, to the saving of staff work and the avoidance of possible errors and confusion.

The question of supply and maintenance of the coastal aircraft is a separate matter. To tamper with existing arrangements might well, in war-time, lead to confusion, but there can be no tactical reason why, as was the case at Dover, the coastal aircraft should not be under the control of the man who has direct knowledge of the position and work of the surface and submarine craft.

IN the present war coastal protection has been complicated by aeroplanes laying mines. This intensifies the necessity for a close relationship between the patrolling aircraft and the minesweeping organisation. Lastly, the hour is fast approaching when Germany will hurl a volcanic attack of aeroplanes, seaplanes, mining craft and surface craft in one intensive wave of attempted destruction and demoralisation of our defences. Heaven help our coastal defence if it falls between the stools of divided control. Obviously there can be no tactical or strategic reason for divorcing the coastal aircraft from the naval command. If so, why do so? I fear it looks very like the old story of the emperor's new clothes. One portion of our armed forces being offended, and a dislike of a command being curtailed.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I think the old bear is weakening! He used to give me five seconds to get out—now he gives me ten!"

To Protect Seamen From War Dangers

Chamber Of Shipping's Recommendations

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Life-saving jackets which a crew could wear at work and the provision of rafts for all on board were among the recommendations made by the British Chamber of Shipping to its members as safety measures to meet the danger of ships being torpedoed or mined.

This is revealed in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping. Other recommendations included the provision of illumination on rafts and on an increased number of life-buoys, alternative lighting on ships and electric torches for members of the crew.

Higher Running Costs

The report dealt with the increased running costs for shipping, pointing out that a deep sea tramp steamer of about 5,000 tons would, in April, 1939, have cost £235 per day to run, £48 per day in September, 1939, and £51 per day in January, 1940.

A vessel which would have cost £100,000 to build in 1938 cost £120,000 immediately before the war and would cost £180,000 to-day.

The report points out that there is not a single shipbuilding yard in this country. Foreign competition, so far from diminishing, was being greatly strengthened.

Under the first step towards maintaining British shipping, says the report, there must be a strengthening of the financial position of the industry during the war in order that it might be able to compete with foreign shipping after the war.

DRAMATIC FLIGHTS OVER NAZI CITIES

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Paris region. Others scouted in other sectors. An anti-aircraft shell burst a two-foot hole in a street near a subway station, shattering the windows in the neighbourhood.

Hellgoland Raid

The official news agency in Berlin claims the Germans shot down a British Bristol-Blenheim over the Heligoland Bight and said the anti-aircraft guns so damaged a second R.A.F. plane it was probably unable to return to its base.

The Berlin official news agency admitted that the R.A.F. flew over northwest Germany but denied they reached Berlin.

A London report says a British patrol brought down a Heinkel plane over the Firth of Forth and brought down a second Heinkel off the Northumberland coast. The crew of three of this second plane took to rubber boats. Two German planes are the 42nd and 43rd known to have been downed by the British defenders.

Air Ministry Admission

The Air Ministry said the R.A.F. successfully reconnaissance over the Heligoland Bight and admitted that one plane failed to return.

Air circles indicated that during the past 24 hours air activity has been the heaviest since the start of the war. At least four separate flights were made over German territory—the fourth of such flights in the last five days.

A report from the Hague states officially that aeroplanes of unidentified nationality were observed along the coast near Amsterdam and Utrecht where anti-aircraft batteries went into action several times.

SCREAMING "ONIONS"

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nounced by the Air Ministry this morning, constituted the fourth R.A.F. night survey of Germany in five days. The aircraft first visited Bockum, the base of mine-laying seaplanes, after which they separated for two main objectives—Berlin and the Ruhr.

Leaflets and reconnaissance flares were dropped on Berlin, where not a single searchlight came on, although the aircraft came down to a few thousand feet above such famous streets as the Unter den Linden and the Wilhelmstrasse to release their load.

Only one fighter was seen hereabouts but it did not attempt to join in combat with the raiders which were plainly visible in bright moonlight.

Leaflets On Cologne

More leaflets were dropped at Cologne.

Other towns crossed included Emden, Dusseldorf and Dortmund. The most important details were observed by the planes, and it is believed, by those which flew over the important seaports in north-west Germany and the Baltic.

In less than a week R.A.F. night-fliers, by the aid of photographs and ordinary observation, have secured a great mass of new information about Germany with little or no loss.

NO CURRENCY DEPRECIATION

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, assured a questioner in the House of Commons to-day that currency depreciation would not be resorted to as a means of stimulating export trade by giving an unreasonable competitive exchange advantage.

CHURCHILL UTTERS WARNING

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near future further and greater attacks on British sea power.

Cheers For Churchill
LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was received with cheers when he rose to speak on the Naval Estimates.

"I come on behalf of the Navy," he said, "to ask for a few more ships and a little money (laughter) to enable them to carry on their work."

Mr. Churchill's reference to money referred to £100 token grant representing an amount running into many millions but which is undelivered. Mr. Churchill continued, "There has grown up a much wider comprehension of the certainty that mistakes will be made both at Whitehall and on the salt water and that however hard we try the painful drain of losses will be sustained."

"This will only make us more zealous to discharge our task and to give satisfaction and win approval by producing good results."

Not Expedient
"I regret it is not expedient to give the House the precise facts and figures regarding the proposed strength and cost of the Navy but there is no need to tell the enemy what we are doing" (laughter).

Mr. Churchill said that by the end of 1939, Germany had lost from all causes at least half their U-boats, namely 35. He doubted very much whether even ten fresh U-boats came into action in that period.

In the last two days, he said, there had been one certain and two almost certain U-boat sinkings.

Clear Warning

Mr. Churchill said, "So far the Navy has borne the main weight of the war. If at any time in the future it becomes apparent that we have got the upper hand in an even more marked and decisive form, than that at present, I shall be the first to propose a review of our resources and requirements; but attacks will be delivered upon our seapower, by which we live on and which we all depend on, on a far greater scale than anything which we have so far beaten back or beaten down."

Referring to the U-boat campaign, Mr. Churchill said: "I was in error when some months ago I said that the rate of Germany's new building of U-boats could be counted at two weeks. This and even more may be true in the future but it was not true up to the end of 1939."

"The enemy may have ended last year with about 45 U-boats of which about 20 would be required for training leaving perhaps 25 for active operations. As these would work in two or three reliefs the number at any one time cannot be very large."

"Indeed our calculations show that it has probably not exceeded that at any one time."

"Since the New Year things have sharpened up on both sides. We are getting an increasing number of U-boats and we have had some quite exceptional weeks of proved results."

Mystery Sinkings

"We do not make announcements of the sinking of U-boats. Unless there are some features of special interest we leave them wrapped in mystery."

"Remembering the substantial losses we have suffered from just these few U-boats operating up to the present, the House will see how vast must be the preparations which we ought to make and which we have made to cope with a full-scale attack which may come upon us."

"With the passage of the summer the new building of U-boats will increasingly come into play and we expect to meet them with our very large new buildings of craft especially adapted to their destruction."

"We shall be building all this summer at our capacity."

After mentioning the efforts which are being made to make a large increase in the rate of merchant ship-building in order to replace inevitable losses, Mr. Churchill continued: "The U-boat is being steadily driven from using the gun on the surface of the water and has been largely driven from using torpedoes and laying mines, magnetic and other kinds, in approaches to our harbours."

The Magnetic Mines

Referring in more detail to the magnetic mine, Mr. Churchill declared: "There is nothing particularly new or novel about it, although mechanically it is very nice" (laughter). "I feel entitled to say that we see our way to mastering this magnetic mine and other variants of the same idea (cheers)."

"How this is being achieved is a detective story written in a language of its own."

"To be modest (laughter) we do not feel at all outdone in science in this country by the Nazis."

"There are two stages in process of dealing with the magnetic mine. The first is the finding of what to do and the second is the applying of that knowledge on a very large scale."

Believe We Can Deal With It

"We are now advanced upon the second stage and although we must expect perhaps, in the immediate future, further and much heavier attacks upon us by this method we believe we shall find ourselves able to deal with it."

"To cope with these attacks by mines we have had to call upon our fishing fleets and fishermen. Although this year we shall have about 25,000 at our disposal, we had at the end of November to call for many thousands of volunteers for mine sweeping duties."

"The engagement was, only for these months and it is now clear that it must be greatly prolonged."

"In many seaports over 75 per cent. of those who volunteered for three months now wish to continue for the duration of the war and the

COLOMBO CRISIS

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appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into alleged shooting by the Police on the other.

The Home Minister subsequently protested to the Governor that Mr. Banks had not carried out "instructions" to postpone the cases pending the Commission's report as decided by the State Council.

Governor's Decision

The Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, formerly Governor of Hongkong, though regretting that Mr. Banks had not "worded his letter more happily" to the Minister, did not think that there had been insubordination as alleged.

He also pointed out the statutory responsibility imposed on the Police and doubted the propriety of the procedure adopted by the Home Minister.

"The Minister maintains that the question goes to the root of the Donoughmore Constitution."

Admiralty are going to meet their wish, (cheers).

Excessive Behaviour

"So excessive has been the behaviour of some of the German aviators in attacking harmless unarmed vessels and machine-gunning the crews when in boats and in describing on the radio 'What fun it was to see the little ship cranking up in flames like a Christmas tree', that we have had to set about arming all our fishing boats and small craft with a means of defending themselves" (cheers).

"We have reason to know that several of them have sheered off very quickly when they found that the fishermen who had only just been given a weapon fired back upon them."

"Thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes are being issued to our merchant and fishing fleets."

"The Nazis have resorted by saying this entitles them to break all conventions which they have already broken many times over. (laughter)."

"They may be, of course, able to apply their methods on a larger scale but they have not yet been able to descend to any new level of cruelty and disgrace."

"I suppose the House realises that Hitler and his Nazis have quite definitely exceeded the worst villainies which Imperial Germany committed during the last war. (cheers)."

"One of the most extraordinary things I have ever known in my experience is the way in which the German illegals, atrocities and brutalities are coming to be accepted as if they were part of the ordinary day to day conditions of war (cheers)."

Criticises Neutral Press

"Why does the neutral press make more fuss when I make a speech telling them what is their duty than they have done when hundreds of their ships have been sunk (cheers) and over a thousand of their sailors have been drowned or murdered—that is the right word—on the open seas."

"Apparently, according to the present doctrine of the neutral states, Germany is to gain one set of advantages by breaking all the rules and committing foul outrages and then go on and gain another set of advantages through insisting, whenever it suits her, upon the widest interpretation of the International Code she has torn to pieces at odd times."

"Majesty's Government is getting rather tired of it. (cheers)."

Getting Tired Of It

"I am getting rather tired of it myself (laughter). For my part I can say without hesitation that in the interpretation of the rules and conventions affecting neutrals, humanity rather than legal pedantry must be the guide (cheers) and judgment from the Altmark episode this seems to be the opinion not only of the British nation but of the civilised world."

Referring to battleships, Mr. Churchill said, "If we had not got at the present time an unquestionable superiority in battleships, Germany's heavy cruisers would come out into the Atlantic Ocean and, without fear of being brought to account, would be able to obstruct, if not to arrest, the whole of the enormous trade without which we could not live. (cheers)."

"They might make temporary bases in different quarters of the globe and they might establish themselves in positions which we could have no means whatever of attacking them."

"In this way they would soon bring about our mortal ruin."

Ready For Anything

"Happily we have a far greater strength in capital ships than the enemy and if at any time they break out as they may do we are always ready to meet them with much larger forces and bring them to battle and destroy them as we did in the isolated case of the Graf Spee."

"Without a superior battle fleet we could not exercise any command of the sea nor even keep ourselves alive with food."

Recalling that during the last war Britain had to keep always ready 30 to 40 battleships with attendant squadrons and flotillas to fight a main battle at any time, Mr. Churchill said, "Now this preoccupation has been diminished. The enemy have only two really big ships and cannot attempt to form a line of battle."

"We have at least three or four lines of battle ships, one of which the enemy could face in an engagement."

"Therefore we are able to dispose of our ships much more widely and, at the same time, to keep ample forces always at sea ready to meet the enemy's principal vessels should they present themselves."

"Upon this fact depends the whole of our sea control."

Better Equipped

Mr. Churchill mentioned that the new warships which Britain was building were capable of standing up to air bombing and were far better

Trade With Japan

Questions Asked In House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Miss Wilkinson asked Sir Andrew Duncan, the President of the Board of Trade, regarding the arrangement recently made with the Japanese Government providing for the import of 350,000 dozen pairs of stockings and a large quantity of other textiles from Japan.

Sir Andrew replied that there had been for some years an agreement between British and Japanese hosiery manufacturers for the limitation of exports of Japanese hosiery to the United Kingdom. This agreement was renewed in January and with the agreement, the British hosiery industry was relaxed so as to allow the limited import of cheap Japanese hosiery of a kind not made here in quantities sufficient to meet the demand.

Exports Agreement

Miss Wilkinson asked whether in view of our position regarding unemployment and food supplies it was necessary to arrange for the import of silk stockings in war time.

Sir Andrew replied that there was likewise a need for export trade and it was made quite clear to the Japanese Government that the continuance of this concession depends on their attitude to the admission of British woollen hosiery to Japan.

Mr. Thorne (Labour): "The more trade we do with the Japanese they more they can hammer away at the Chinese."

DEATH PENALTY APPEAL FAILS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (UP).—The British Full Court to-day dismissed the appeal of Private Eckford of the Seaforth Highlanders against the death sentence passed on him for the murder of Lance-Cpl. Davis.

The appeal was based on the claim that the trial judge, Sir Alan Messop, had failed properly to instruct the jury.

Eckford's attorney, Mr. K. E. Newman, addressed the Court for an hour and 40 minutes.

Swedish Ship Rammed

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—

Seventeen survivors of the Swedish steamer, Nordla, 1,317 tons, which started on her voyage to Sweden on Feb. 26, were rescued after being rammed and sunk in darkness off the Norwegian coast, have been landed at a Scottish port by a British warship. Two men are missing.

adapted to under water explosions than anything they had to-day.

Mr. Churchill declared that he did not wish to raise any undue apprehensions about the strength of existing ships.

"It is announced that H.M.S. Barham, an old ship which had stood up well to torpedoes, would soon be repaired and ready for sea and that H.M.S. Nelson, a modern ship but nevertheless fifteen years old, had been damaged by a magnetic mine but would soon be repaired."

"This secret of which many thousands of people were necessarily aware was very well kept," Mr. Churchill observed amidst laughter, "and has only just leaked out into Germany after it has ceased to have any importance."

Only Doing Their Duty Says Spokesman

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TIENTSIN, Feb. 27 (UP).—Asked why Japanese sentries occasionally struck French Chinese policemen passing through the barriers under the existing Police exchange agreement, a Japanese military spokesman stated this afternoon that the Japanese sentries were only doing their duties.

It might not be possibly known, he said, that Japanese sentries would not permit foreigners entering the French Consulate to bring in large quantities of baggage, stating that it was necessary to fill in a form. However, no such official form exists.

A local rumour that the barriers will be lifted next month cannot be confirmed.

Flowing Tribute

Mr. Churchill paid a glowing tribute to the engineering branch of the Royal Navy for the fact that even ships with old engines had steamed 90 days or more out of the first 110 days of war.

There was, added Mr. Churchill, very little doubt that the whole of the North Sea system of contraband control would become far more efficient as the forces increased and the long nights turned into long days and as the summer weather enabled amphibian aircraft to range constantly over the whole area.

There would be no difficulty from a naval point of view in making the blockade more severe but no one could neglect the serious character of political decisions which were dictated by relations with foreign countries.

A balance had to be struck between the full efficiency of the naval control and the hardship it might inflict on friendly neutrals.

After the first six months of war, he said, we lost 65,000 tons of war material above half the losses of the first months of the last war.

We had lost on a balance of gain and losses less than 200,000 tons of merchant shipping out of a total of 250,000,000. This could be compared with the loss of 450,000 tons in a single day of the deadly month of April 1917. We had captured more cargoes in tonnage destined for the enemy than we had lost, he concluded.

French Sink U-Boat

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the torpedo boat, Simoun, sank a U-boat off Cap-Finistere.

Political Storm Over Saito Affair

Demand For Statement By Government

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The Saito affair continues to be in the forefront of the domestic and political situation in Japan.

As the result of the appearance before the Diet Disciplinary Committee last Saturday of Mr. Takao Saito, who caused a storm by his questions regarding the Konoze statement which is being used as a basis by the Government in efforts to end the China conflict, the gap between those demanding his expulsion from the Lower House and those opposed to such action has widened.

No Government Action

The Government is avoiding interference in the matter for the time being, but has communicated to the political parties the opinion that they should show no leniency in considering Saito's punishment.

The attitude of the Army and Navy is reported to have strengthened, but these quarters are much concerned over the ultimate outcome of the issue.

May Suspend Diet

The Cabinet is watching developments and is understood to be planning in order for suspension of the Diet if the Party leaders are unable to enforce action and dispose of the affair speedily.

Wants Govt. Statement

In the House of Peers to-day, Mr. Yoshikazu Tazawa, Chairman of the Japan Young Men's League, urged that the Government publicly make known its policy in connection with the Saito case in order to avoid an unfortunate misunderstanding (Applause). He referred to newspaper reports that the Government was causing a general impression that it was intimidating the Legislature.

In reply, Admiral Yonai, the Premier, stated definitely that the Government had no intention whatsoever of interfering with the business of the Imperial Diet.

Youth Versus Youth

To-day's Conflict And To-morrow's Problem

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, addressing members of the University of Oxford as Chancellor of the University, declared that the conflict to-day was between youth and youth, and this was the kernel of our future problems.

What has been the driving force behind the Nazi movement? It has been the German youth.

Deliberately deprived as they have been of the elements of true judgment, it is they who have made the movement and still sustain it. They have their own ideals which, to our minds, are distorted but for which hundreds of thousands of them are prepared, without a moment's hesitation, to sacrifice their lives.

There is what seems to be an impenetrable barrier, dividing us from them which somehow must be broken down.

Lord Halifax urged his hearers to be so proud of the race to which they belonged that they would be as jealous of its honour as its safety.

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THOSE "MISERABLE" GOLF CLUBS

GREAT FEATS WITH BROKEN DOWN PUTTERS RECALLED

If past history can be relied upon, it would seem that expensive putters have not always inspired their wielders with confidence, writes L. B. Stanley in "The Field." Often the contrary has proved to be the case. Time and again, for instance, we find that an armoury of the finest matched clubs includes a rusty old hickory putter whose days of active service look as if they had ended with the guttie ball.

The presence of this ugly duckling is interesting. It shows how men who base their play upon the strictest scientific lines sometimes become almost superstitious in this most vital department of the game.

Here is an example. While spending an enjoyable afternoon in the Dollymount Club I noticed a small figure on the home green practising hard at putting. It proved to be Paddy Mahon who not so very long ago was listed with the second best average of the British professionals. This intensive activity, I was informed, was due to recent indifferent performances on the greens.

Mahon confirmed this later. He declared that his putting touch seemed temporarily to desert him, but he had at last found a cure; he had changed his putter. Upon handling the club in question my first impressions were that it might be used for almost anything except putting. The grip had gone and the shaft was hopelessly warped, yet Mahon used this club throughout a later championship and undeniably recaptured his cunning on the greens. Truly, faith is a wonderful thing.

BOUGHT FROM CADDY

A similar case occurred at Troon last year. I was talking to Charles Yates, the eventual winner of the championship, and observed that his putter looked somewhat the worse for wear. He agreed, and went on to say that it had belonged to a friend who had died three years before. He had left his clubs to his caddy, but Yates had bought the putter for one dollar and a quarter. An invaluable investment, so he declared, as through it he had gained Walker Cup recognition. No idle claim, for

this battered club played a decisive part in the winning of two national titles.

Many instances come to mind of players experimenting with strange putters just before a major championship, liking the feel of the club and using it with evident success in the actual event. The final of what is regarded as the P.G.A. Match-play Championship at Stoke Poges two years ago between James Adams and Percy Alliss was one of these occasions.

LIKE A MAN BEWITCHED

Putting has never been the strongest feature of Alliss's game, yet in this tournament he charmed the ball into the hole like a man bewitched. Nothing was too difficult, and every putt was struck with deadly accuracy. The secret of this phenomenal display was simple. Just before the event Alliss borrowed quite an ordinary putter from the Secretary and obtained such remarkable results with it on the greens that, christening it "Black Magic," he "putted" his way to victory.

This putter, however, is not the first to have inspired Alliss; in fact, I should think he must have quite a collection by now. I remember him showing me a putter in the Open of the previous year which he was confident would solve all his problems. In appearance it bore a distinct resemblance to Mahon's club, but was, if anything, one degree worse. The clubhead was loose and, when it came into contact with the ball, emitted a disturbing cracked sound. Most golfers would have hesitated to have used it at all, yet

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Macao Interport Hockey Team

The Macao Hockey Club have selected the following to meet Hongkong in the Interport hockey match on Sunday, March 24:

C. C. Almada; R. Rosario and L. Costa (Capt.); J. Nolasco, Alex. Airoso and J. Santos Ferreira; Fred Nolasco, Alberto Airoso, Pedro Angelo, R. Angelo and A. Angelo. Reserves: — A. Basto, M. Soares, G. Silva and J. T. Silva.

Seven-A-Side Rugger Tournament

Entries for the annual Rugby Football Seven-a-side Tournament are now coming in and it is anticipated that 20 teams will compete of whom about 10 will represent various Army Units.

The Royal Navy are not at their usual numerical strength this year, but will be able to enter at least two good sevens. Other teams will be drawn from Hongkong Police, who are the present holders of the Trophy, R.N.V.R., Civil Service, R.A.F., Hongkong Bank, Butterfield and Swire and Rest of the Club.

The tournament will be held as usual on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, the preliminary rounds being played on Monday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13, at 4.30 p.m. and the final on Saturday, March 16.

Proceeds this year will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund, and it is hoped that there will be more than the usual strong support for the Tournament, on this account.

His Excellency the Governor is giving his support to the Tournament and will be present at the final, and has kindly consented to present to the winning team the Blarney Stone Shield, the trophy for which the tournament is played.

Lightweights Livened British Boxing In 1939

Not many years have produced so few British championship contests as 1939. The best boxing was provided by the lightweights.

Big tournament met with mixed financial success. The Harvey-McAvoy and Phillips-Doyle bill at White City drew the largest crowd ever known at a boxing show in England. At the other extreme failure of John Henry Lewis to defend his world light-heavyweight title cost Wembley a lot of money.

The Armstrong-Roderick world-title bout and the Boon-Crowley contest were also financial "flops."

First sensation occurred on the last day of January at Leicester, when the Belgian, Raoul Degryse, weighing exactly 135 lb., felled British fly-weight champion, Peter Kane, in the opening round for a count of "nine."

The Golborne youngster rose unsteadily, and if Degryse had managed to land another heavy punch Kane would have been knocked out.

However, Kane, with his customary courage, pulled himself together and clearly out-boxed the Belgian in every one of the rounds that followed.

On February 9 Tommy Farr arrived at Southampton full of hope. He had earned a fortune in America, and was confident of regaining the heavy-weight title he had relinquished and now held by Len Harvey.

But Harvey could not be persuaded to defend the crown unless guaranteed £6,000. No promoter has shown interest in this financial demand, and the match is still as far off as ever.

OUTSTANDING MATCH

Then, in February, was decided what is considered the outstanding match of the year—the light-weight title bout between Boon and Arthur Danahar at Harringay. The building was packed.

It was a highly dramatic championship struggle. Danahar, who hitherto had taken part in only eight-round contests, was matching his consummate skill against the rugged and exceptionally strong title-holder.

Danahar had scored many points during the early rounds, and then made the vital mistake of leading with his right. He paid the penalty. Boon caught him with a terrific punch that sent him to the canvas.

He rose manfully enough, but Boon, realising the situation, gave him no rest, and Danahar was frequently felled. The referee rightly stopped the fight in the 14th round, leaving Boon a decisive winner.

This was Danahar's last contest in the light-weight class. He had evidently experienced difficulty in getting down to 135 lbs., but he had revealed fine ability and sterling grit, and although defeated was far from suffering disgrace.

He compensated for this disaster when later he brilliantly outpointed Roderick over 10 rounds at Earl's Court.

Then, on March 16, Len Harvey beat Larry Gains, and a week later, at Anfield, Liverpool, Ernie Roderick won, as generally anticipated, the British welter-weight title from Jake Kilrain (Glasgow).

During April Tommy Farr had a return fight with the American, Red Burman, at Harringay, and avenged a previous defeat in New York by outboxing Burman.

LEWIS' EYE TROUBLE

On May 4 John Henry Lewis reached Southampton with the purpose of giving Harvey a chance of winning the world light-heavyweight championship.

Eye trouble prevented him from carrying out his contract, and cost him the title.

A fortnight later Farr beat Gains in five rounds at Cardiff, while, in the same ring, George James was k.o. by Manuel Abrew.

Later in May, at Harringay, Henry Armstrong retained his world welter-weight crown, giving an astonishing exhibition of speed when outboxing Roderick.

This match was a "flop" for the promoters. Instead of an expected 12,000 crowd, there were less than 4,000 present. Jock McAvoy kept his middle-weight championship by outpointing Ginger Sudd at Manchester.

On July 10 unprecedented scenes were witnessed at White City, London. A record attendance for a fight in England watched Jack Doyle knocked out in the first round by Eddie Phillips. Harvey won the world light-heavyweight title (according to the British Board of Control) in a contest with McAvoy. Big boxing closed down the year with another financial failure, when Boon again beat Crowley for the light-weight title at Harringay, the Londoner straining a tendon when falling to the canvas.

This Week's Football Fixtures

Following is the League football programme for this week:

To-Day

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v Engineers (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

S. China "A" v Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Royal Scots v Kwong Wah (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)

Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Road, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Club v 8th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

International v Royal Scots (Military, 4.30 p.m.)

24th R.A. v R.A.S.C. (St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)

12th R.A. v Engineers (Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)

5th R.A. v Kumaons (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)

South China v Electric (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

Signals v R.A.M.C. (Military, 3 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

S. China "B" v Kowloon (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Club v Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

South China v Engineers (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

Tennis

DRAW FOR COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

The draw for the Colony tennis championships, organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club, was made yesterday and resulted as follows:

OPEN SINGLES

Byes into second round—S. A. Rumjahn v. B. C. Fay; P. S. Leung v. S. A. Gray; Kwok Hing-chung v. O. Rumjahn; Lam Kwan v. J. W. Leonard; H. D. Rumjahn v. Finios Khan.

First round—Marland Ma v. E. Zulauf; H. Y. Ho v. A. R. Kitchell; Paul Kong v. S. B. Theobald; W. Chung v. T. C. Chan; S. A. Hussein v. Chan Kwong-lu; Ben Louis v. O. Umstani; Tsui Yan-pui v. T. J. Gould; J. C. Pearce v. Peter U; T. A. Pearce v. Wong Hoi-nang; R. G. Hisset Jr. v. J. H. Turner; Y. C. Lau v. Wei Chung.

Byes into second round—M. Pagi; Tennis Kwok v. L. M. A. Razack; A. Crawford v. T. A. Pearce; P. O. Leung v. Lee Hui-ke; Leung Ping-chiu v. J. Gonzales; I. Agafuroff v. Tsui Wan-pui.

OPEN DOUBLES

Byes into second round—Tsui Wan-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. S. A. Hussein and O. Rumjahn; Dew Shing-cheong and Ip Koon-hung v. A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack.

First round—T. and B. Agafuroff v. Wong Fook-nan and Lam Kwan; Wong Fook-nan and Lam Kwan v. T. C. Chan and T. J. Gould; J. Gonzales and A. V. Hernandez v. Ng Kam-chuen and Tsui Ping-fan; Paul Kong and B. Szeto v. Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yee-wing; E. C. Fincher and C. H. H. Lee v. Chan and J. Hui; Kwok Hing-chung and Lui Kwai-fan v. C. H. H. Lee and J. J. Ferguson; T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v. T. C. Chan and Marland Ma; P. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. L. J. B. Theobald and S. Gar-rard.

Byes into second round—Pang O-lam and Leung Ping-chiu v. J. L. C. Pearce and D. L. Rosenquist; Lee Hui-ke and J. Leonard v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

Kowloon Junior School Annual Sports

The annual sports meeting of the Kowloon Junior School will be held on the Kowloon Cricket Club grounds to-morrow morning, commencing at 10 a.m. Mrs. J. R. Higgs will present the prizes.

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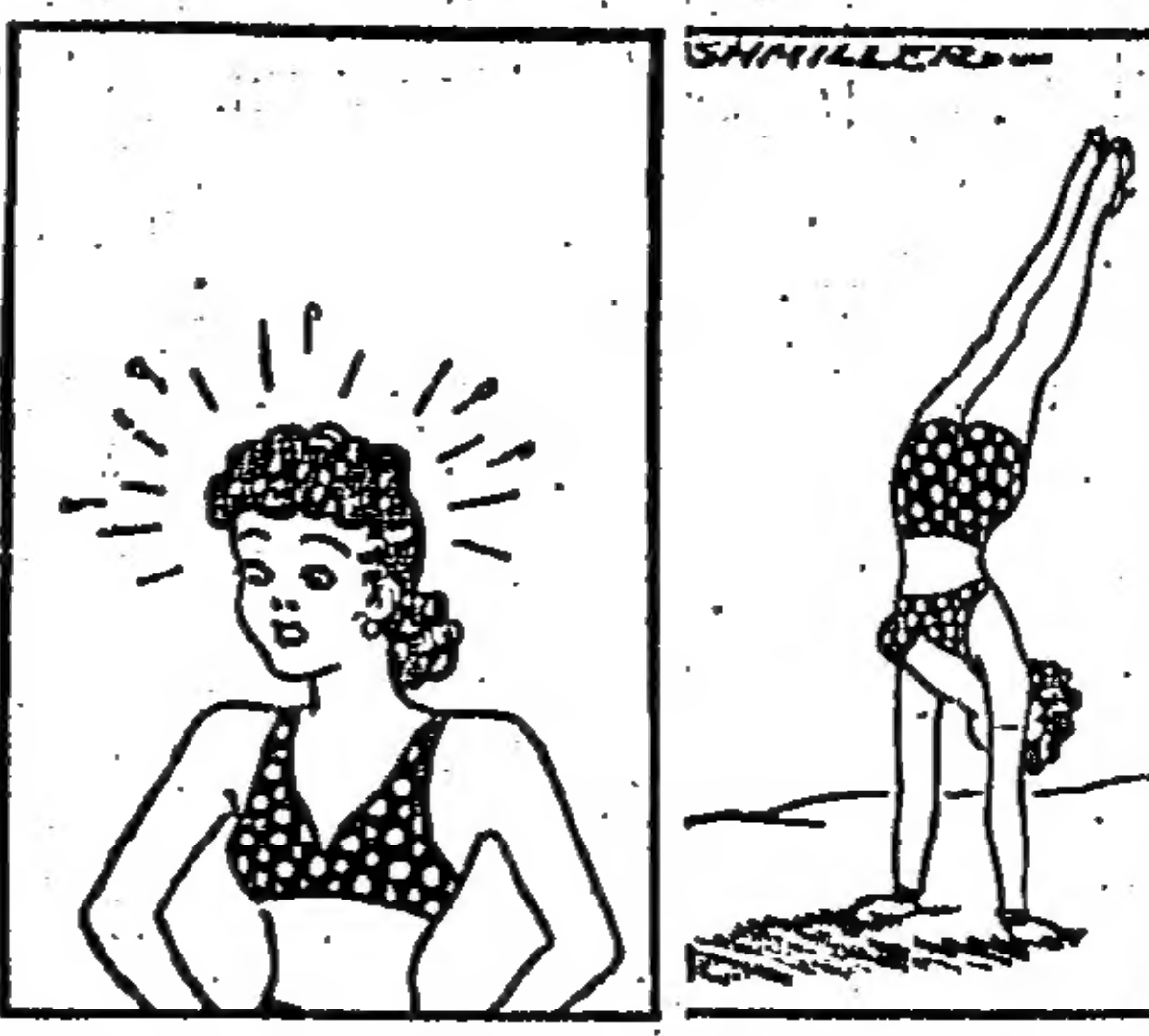
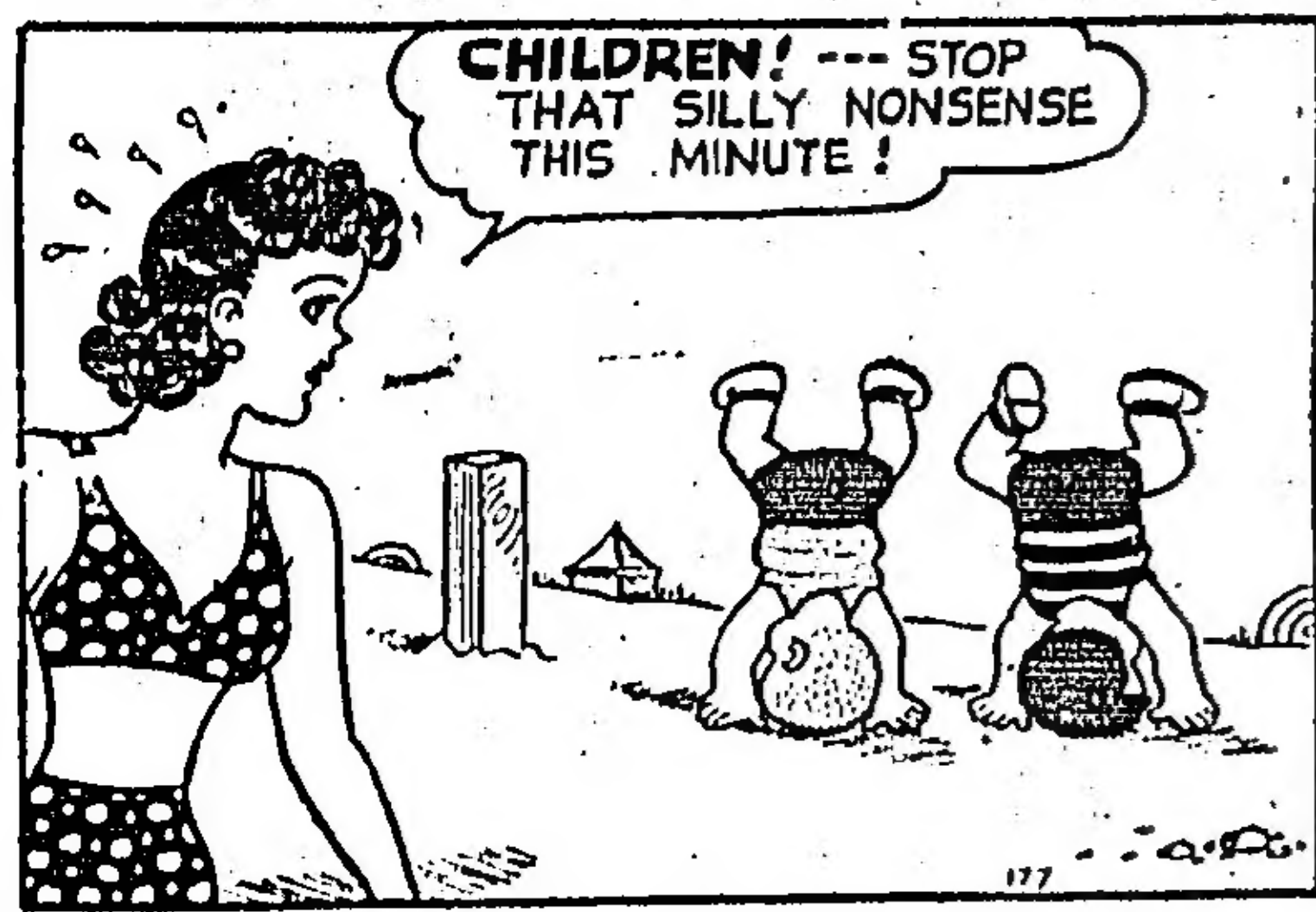
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25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1915.
America's famous inventor, Mr. Edison, has just given his impressions of the war to a New York correspondent. "The Germans," he said, "are a great people commercially, industrially, agriculturally, but they have been brought up in an atmosphere of egotism. Everything in the country has been subordinated to the military caste, and I think the sooner this system is ended the better for the German people."

The King has instituted a new Decoration entitled "The Military Cross." It consists of a Cross of silver having on each arm the Imperial Crown and bearing in the centre the letters G.I.L. It is ordained that no person shall be eligible for this Decoration nor be nominated thereto unless he is a Captain, a Commissioned Officer of a lower grade, or a Warrant Officer in the Army, or the Indian or Colonial Military Forces.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1930.
To mark the 80th birthday of President Masaryk, which occurs on March 7, the Czech Parliament has voted him a personal gift of over £120,000. President Masaryk was the son of a coachman and started life as a coal-miner of a Vienna locksmith. He is the first President of the Republic.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1935.
The U. S. Navy Department has disclosed that Pan-American Airways has asked for permission to use Midway and Wake Islands, in the Hawaiian group, and space in Guam, for experimental trans-Pacific flight bases.

Those "Miserable" Golf Clubs

(Continued from Page 8.)

Allan contrived to wield it throughout that championship.
Another occasion was during the Open at Hoylake in 1936. Finding that his putter failed to comply with the necessary regulations, Gene Sarazen borrowed an old brass-headed club with which he gave a brilliant exhibition of consistent green work throughout the week.

"CALAMITY JANE"
The classic example, of course, was when Jimmy Marsden lent Bobby Jones an old rusty putter whilst playing over the Long Island course. Jones sank no many putts that Marsden presented it to him at the end of the round.

The club was later christened "Calamity Jane" and brought immortal fame to its owner. What a pity that the late Harry Vardon was unable to find such inspiration, for despite his wonderful record, he was, by his own confession, an indifferent putter.

One man who suffered agonies trying to find this putting elixir was Leo Diegel. His record makes impressive reading, but his brilliance is not due to his putting. Few people realised at the time that he was left with a possible putt on the last green at St. Andrews to win the 1933 Open. He failed, in a state of nervous tension, and missed the return to tie. It seems strange that a man, who can confidently drive a ball three hundred yards down the centre of the fairway, should be reduced to a state of indecision over a yard putt, yet such is golf.
In Diegel's case, he was faced with a problem that has confronted many golfers. His trouble was a form of acute muscular tension which brought about a distressing nervous condition whenever he had to putt.

PUTTING "JITTERS"

Diegel tried every possible cure for this trouble, popularly known as putting "jitters." As a last resort he consulted a neurologist, with a certain amount of success. He was told that he would have to eliminate his fingers as far as he could from the execution of the shot as soon as any other part of the body. This he managed to do to a certain extent by putting from the shoulders, which are the least affected by nervous troubles.
The result was that Diegel produced the wierd putting stance which was soon called "Diegeling." This

No Re-Export To Reich

How Britain's War Trade Pacts Operate

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The aims of British war trade agreements were outlined by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by Miss Ward whether the Government, in any agreement concluded or under negotiations with neutral governments, had consented to the continuation of re-export to Germany by the neutral countries concerned.

Mr. Cross in reply stated that war trade agreements generally aimed at securing guarantees against the re-export of contraband goods to Germany with machinery for their enforcement, thus facilitating the operation of our contraband control and at the same time entering the neutral countries concerned to maintain our domestic economy.

Belligerent Rights
Mr. Cross emphasised that there was nothing in the agreements which prevented us from exercising our full belligerent rights in respect of any consignments in regard to which we had evidence of an enemy destination.

There had been no substantial difficulty in securing that the machinery in neutral countries for preventing the re-export to Germany of their overseas imports, especially foodstuffs and raw materials, should be operated in a manner satisfactory to us.
With regard to goods which these countries produced themselves, the countries concerned usually stipulated that such goods might be expected to both belligerents on a second-time level.

Cases where a neutral country had a manufacturing industry depending on imports of raw materials were most difficult to deal with, and our aim in the case of important commodities had been by agreement to prevent entirely, or restrict to trifling quantities, exports of such manufactures to Germany.

awkward-looking crouch solved many of his former fears, but, at the same time, he created a great deal of trouble for others through his new style. Some golfers are always experimenting, and many tried to adopt this stance which was totally unsuited to their style.

LETTERS

Finland's Appeal To Sportsmen

To the Editor, Hongkong "Telegraph"
Sir,—In 1938 the International Olympic Committee entrusted Finland with organising the XIIIth Olympic Games in Helsinki, capital of the Finnish Republic. Finland and her sportsmen accepted this commission with gratitude and, thanks to the generous sacrifices of the entire nation the preparations had progressed so far by the Autumn of 1939 that the successful realisation of the Games seemed assured. In a cheerful and confident spirit we looked forward to the arrival of the world's athletes and sportsmen as our guests.

When the European war broke out last autumn, Finland decided to continue her preparations for the Olympic Games. We thought that even in time of war it was important to keep alive the Olympic idea, an idea that would unite all the nations of the world in a spirit of peace and brotherhood. We felt that it was our duty to arrange the Games at the very time when their significance, as a symbol of goodwill among the nations, was greater than ever. Shortly after having been entrusted with the Games we defined their aim: to be a feast which would awaken, in all individuals and nations, a desire for mutual understanding and held before the eyes of a world infected with discord and suspicion, the ideal of peace.

But when less than a year remained before the Games, Bolsheviki Russia attacked our peaceful people, thereby violating her Nonaggression Pact with Finland. She disclosed her intentions by making air raids on the unfortified Olympic City killing women and children with bombs and machine guns. Russia's aim is to destroy Finland's independence through bloodshed and fire.

The people of Finland have taken up arms as one man. They have abandoned their peacetime occupations and are now using all their power to defend their rights to their native land. The nation fights for its very existence.

At this moment Finland is not sending out information about the Games. Nevertheless the Organising Committee of the XIIIth Olympic Games has met in order to make an appeal to the athletes and sportsmen of the world. We beseech you, our fellow athletes and sportsmen in all parts of the world, to think of Finland at this moment—Finland, the country, which was entrusted with the XIIIth Olympic Games, the country which expected to greet the flower of the world's youth as her guests at this great festival of peace, the country which has been attacked without the slightest justification by a Great Power pursuing its bolshevist policy.

And when you are thinking of Finland may you understand, and that, however encouraging the sympathy shown us by the world has been, it is not sufficient for a nation struggling against an enemy fifty times greater in size and power.

It's up to you, also, Athletes and Sportsmen of the world, to decide whether this appeal from the Organising Committee of the XIII Olympic Games shall be a last message or not.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE XIII OLYMPIC GAMES:
J. W. RANGELL, Chairman, Member of the International Olympic Committee.
ENRIK KROON, Vice Chairman, Member of the International Olympic Committee.
URHO KKKONEN, Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Finnish Olympic Committee.
EUK VON FENCKELL, Vice Chairman, Olympic Commissioner of the City of Helsinki.
Helsinki, December 1939.

No Spanish Copper Ore For Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, replying to a question, said that according to his information no copper ore shipped from Spain since the outbreak of war had reached Germany.
Goods could be shipped from Spain without passing through the area of the British or French contraband control.

Local Activity On Western Front

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2.15 Close Down.

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6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 Vocal Selections by The Kentucky Minstrels.
7.00 London Relay—"The Last Fight of the Revenge"—A Feature Programme.
7.30 London Relay—The News.
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8.15 Studio—A Latvian Programme by Harry Ore at the Piano.
8.45 Studio—"Some Great Authors"—Barker—The Bird of a Series of talks by Father Ryan.
9.05 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.
—Indian Lament, Slavonic Dance No. 3 in G Major, with Piano accomp. by Carl Lamson.
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 Killy Masters, Harold Ramsay and Stan Holloway in Variety.
10.00 Half an hour of Dance Music.
10.30 London Relay—"The Turning of the Worm" or "In The Rough Again."
11.00 Close Down.

Soviets' War Materials

Query Raised In The House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Russian import of war material was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day by Rear-Admiral Eamonn.

Replying, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, stated Russian imports of war material, except from Germany, appeared to have been considerably reduced in recent months.
Imports of certain raw material, including rubber, copper, and molybdenum, during the period between September and January, were however larger than during the same period of 1937-38.
These imports entered the Soviet Union at Vladivostok and came from the United States directly, or through Mexico, from the Philippine and from the Dutch Indies.
Ships employed appeared mainly to be Soviet, Dutch, Japanese, and Norwegian.
These ships did not pass through British contraband controls.

SPORTS ADVTS.

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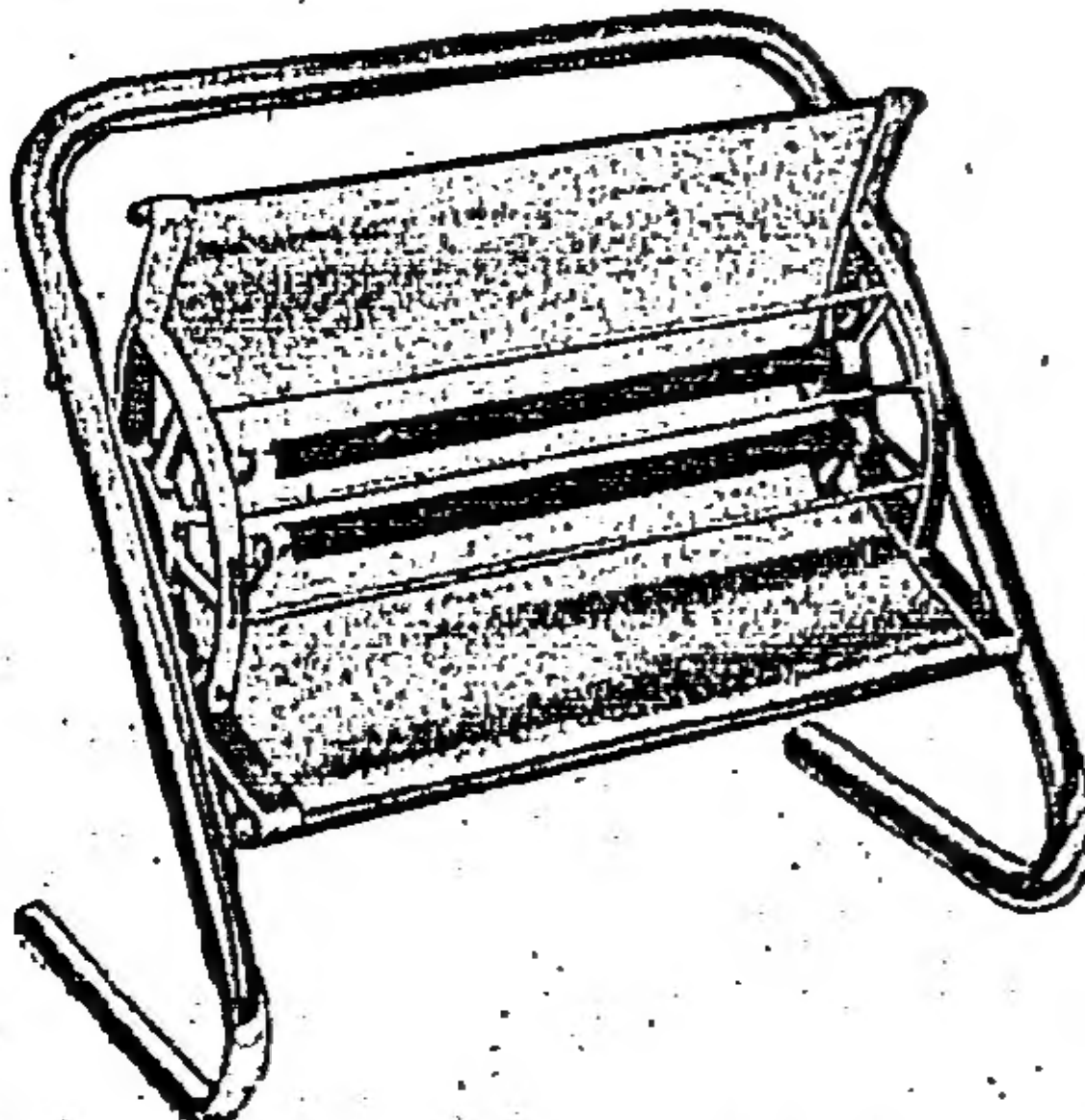
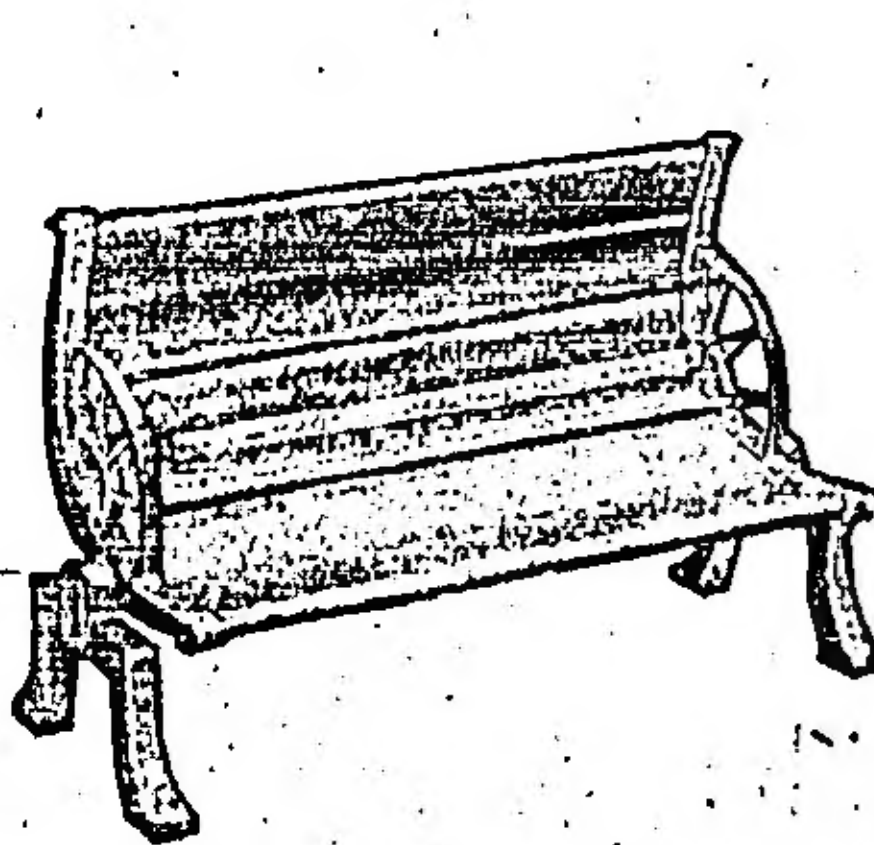
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By O. D. GALLAGHER
Daily Express War Reporter

WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE.

EVERY British gun in France could fire day and night for several months (or until the guns were worn out), and still they wouldn't exhaust our dumps of ammunition hidden in the safety spots of France.

Shell shortage? Not this time, I think. All the bases in the original B.E.F. plan have been filled, and, as more ammunition arrives from home every week, new bases are being established.

I've just finished a tour of the B.E.F. bases, and although I had a big car for the job I couldn't get round to all of them in the four days allotted me.

I saw millions of shells in camouflaged dumps, I can't give exact figures, but we've infinitely more shells ready for B.E.F. guns than were used by both sides throughout the Abyssinian and Spanish wars.

And bombs... It gives me a Blitzkrieg headache to think of them.

High explosive and incendiary bombs stacked in piles. Individual piles don't grow very big, because last time we had the bad habit of putting most of our high-explosive eggs in a few big baskets. Instead

of losing a few hundred tons if there was an accident, we lost thousands of tons. We've learned a lesson.

I saw our biggest dump. It is miles from anywhere and, like B.E.F. G.H.Q., is blitzkrieg-proof. It is scattered over thousands of acres of ground.

It receives ammunition from a distant port by various methods of transport. It is a small town in itself. Electric power plant of its own, fire-fighting department, small church, laboratory, and even its own newspaper (with illustrations).

The men with the most dangerous jobs work in the laboratory and repair shop. The first group examine shells and bombs periodically, much as a nurse takes a patient's temperature; the second group repair any damage done to them in transport.

High Explosive

Labour companies here are tough as lumber-jacks. Most of them come from the West Country. You should hear some of them talking French.

Since they've been on the job they have handled several tons of H.E. a day. The most difficult to handle are the bombs, because of their weight. There are no mechanical aids for this.

They are an awkward shape, too. And talking about big things. They've at last got the B.E.F.'s biggest soldier into battle dress.

Weight twenty stone, girth fifty-four inches. Aged thirty-nine. He wears in civilian clothes, and worked in those clothes for some time until he was spotted by Sir John Dill. Explanation given him was that there was nothing to fit him at the Army stores.

Sir John was cross, and gave orders that "Tiny" should be fitted, pronto. So "Tiny" went to a French tailor, who measured him for a battle dress.

Innocent Man's Name Used

Day Of Anxiety For Soldier's Mother

A police inspector called at the home of Mrs. H. V. Sturgess, of Barton-court-avenue, Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire, recently saying that he was making inquiries about her son, Gordon Sturgess.

The inspector shocked her by saying that her son was in custody on a charge of stealing a suitcase from a train at King's Cross Station.

Although she was sure that a mistake had been made, many hours passed before her anxieties were relieved.

The other side of the story was told at Clerkenwell Police Court when an unknown man, sentenced for the offence, was stated to have given three different names to the police, including Gordon Sturgess, who is serving as a gunner in an Anti-Aircraft battery in Hampshire.

"Ruthless And Brutal"
Mr. F. O. Langley, the Magistrate, described the prisoner's conduct as "ruthless and brutal," and expressed the hope that the widest publicity would be given to clearing Mr. Sturgess's name.

Mrs. Sturgess described her hours of anxiety.

"When the inspector called here one Sunday night, saying that he had just been instructed from London to make inquiries about Gordon, it gave me the most terrible fright of my life," she said.

"I knew it could not be true, but the worry made me ill. Gordon had been home on Christmas leave and left on Saturday to return to his camp."

She told the inspector that and assured him that there must be some mistake. I did not hear another thing all day on Christmas Day. Eventually I got in touch by telephone with Gordon at 10 o'clock on Christmas night, and he assured me that he knew nothing about it.

"I really did not need that assurance, because Gordon is such a steady-going boy, but it was a wonderful relief to hear from him. He rang up again and said that the police had seen him at his camp and had told him that someone had used his name."

Never His Address

"How on earth Gordon's name should have been used I cannot understand. He worked for the American Tobacco Company at Southampton and lived there in rooms. It was not often that he could get home, so that this was never really his address. He was in the Territorials for two years and was called up at the outbreak of war."

"My husband is away in Bristol on war work and could not get home for Christmas, and, so far as I know, cannot have heard of this terrible business. I have written to him today telling about it."

"The magistrate was not exaggerating when he said that the man was ruthless and brutal. I have never heard of such a heartless thing. I am grateful to the magistrate and the police for the way they have undone the wrong this man did to my son."

KING CHARLES WAS CARELESS

So Thoro's a Battle About Land in U.S.

TRENTON, N. J. (UP).—New Jersey is preparing to renew its fight with Delaware over the boundary line between the states, as fixed nearly 200 years ago.

The litigation resulted from a carelessly-drawn charter signed by King Charles II of England deeding a tract of land to his brother, James, which took in the shoreline in a 12-mile radius from New Castle, Del.

The U. S. Supreme Court in 1934 decided a boundary dispute in favour of Delaware, but last year an old deed and surrender were found in which James turned the lands back to King Charles.

New Jersey officials appropriated \$2,500 to bring William Lehardy, London document expert, to this country, and he established authenticity of the documents.

New Jersey hopes to get rights to shore lands, off which are valuable fishing grounds.

U.S. Exports To Reds

Shipments Being Sent Via Vladivostok

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Answering suggestions made at question time in the House of Commons that American shipments of tin, oil and rubber to Vladivostok might be finding their way to Germany, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, said that he was aware that shipments of tin and rubber from America to Russia had increased in the past few months, but shipments of petroleum appeared to have decreased.

He had no information whether a part of these materials was being resold to Germany.

Assurances Wanted

Mr. Geoffrey Mander suggested that the Government should obtain assurances on the point from America.

Mr. Cross pointed out that the United States was a neutral country. He did not feel that it would be our best course to make such a direct approach.

Mr. Mander recalled that negotiations were proceeding with a number of neutrals to prevent this kind of thing, and asked why the United States was excluded.

Mr. Cross said that the countries with which these negotiations were proceeding were subject to our contraband control, but there was no such sanction where the United States was concerned.

U.S. Exports To Europe

Small Increase To Allies Noted

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Ronald Cross was questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding American exports to Europe, and was asked whether he was aware that in the last four months American exports to 13 European countries rose in value from £35,000,000 to £52,000,000 while in the same time American values to England and France only increased from £60,000,000 to £67,000,000.

Mr. Cross declared that he had not checked these figures, but even if they were accurate it did not follow that any action on the part of the Government was required.

No Serious Leakage

He had no reason to suspect that there was any serious leakage as far as the European countries were concerned, and he had no reason to object if neutrals should obtain their requirements from the United States rather than Germany.

Mr. Cross added that with the exception of exports to Russia via Vladivostok all exports in question passed through the control and were most carefully watched.

Senator's Wife Seeks Divorce

25-Year-Old Marriage On The Rocks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Mrs. Gerald P. Nye has disclosed that her attorneys were instituting divorce proceedings against Senator Nye.

She refuses to discuss the grounds upon which she is basing her appeal. Senator and Mrs. Nye, formerly Miss Anna Margaret Munch, were married in 1915, when Senator Nye was editor and manager of the "Daily Plain Dealer."

They have three children, Marjorie, Robert and James.

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Italian Threat: "We Will Go To War If Balkans Become Involved": Germany Offers Non-Aggression Pact To King Carol: France Steals March

TURKEY RECALLS ALL SHIPS AS EVENTS MOVE FAST IN BALKANS

HITLER WARNS RUMANIANS THEY MUST COME TO TERMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, FEB. 28 (UP).—EVENTS ARE MOVING RAPIDLY IN THE BALKANS AND NEAR EAST AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT INCREASE IN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY.

TURKEY HAS SET THE PACE BY TAKING A DECISION WHICH IS REGARDED AS MOST OMINOUS.

The Co-ordination Committee of the Cabinet has issued an order to all vessels flying the Turkish flag, recalling them to Turkish ports.

At the same time, no Turkish vessels will be permitted to leave Turkish waters until further notice.

No official explanation of the decision has been given.

ITALIAN WARNING

A warning that Italy may be forced to enter the European conflict was made in Rome to-day by Signor Gayda, Editor of the "Giornale di Italia" and reputed to be Mussolini's mouthpiece.

In an exclusive interview with "United Press," Gayda said that Italy would enter the war if it spread to the Balkans.

"Danubian waters, as well as those of the Mediterranean, are the keys to Italian security," he said.

Italy fervently desired to prevent war and restore peace, he said, and indicated the belief that the Welles Mission might provide the foundation for peace talks at some distant date.

"But war in the Balkans will make it impossible for Italy to keep out, however much we desire peace," he declared.

HITLER'S DEMARCHE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Feb. 28 (Domei).—In a desperate last-minute effort to swing Rumania away from the Allies, Herr Hitler is authoritatively reported to have sent Rumania a demarche in which King Carol is offered a Non-Aggression Pact with Germany.

In return for "certain favours," Hitler will guarantee the security of the Rumanian frontier against aggression by Germany.

It is stated that Hitler has demanded that, as a measure of good faith, Rumania should demobilise the troops who were called to the Colours last week, and who will bring Rumania's Army up to a full war basis by next Friday.

FRANCO-RUMANIAN PACT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Feb. 28 (Domei).—Following closely upon King Carol's rejection of Hitler's demands for increased supplies of Rumanian raw materials and oils, Rumania and France are reported to have reached a secret agreement for promoting their trade relations.

The Rumanian economic mission which concluded the agreement returned to Bucharest to-day.

From members of the Mission it is understood that, in return for a Rumanian assurance that Rumania will adhere to her decision not to supply Germany with an increased quota of oil, France will supply to Rumania on long-range terms a large quantity of warplanes, machine-guns and other armaments.

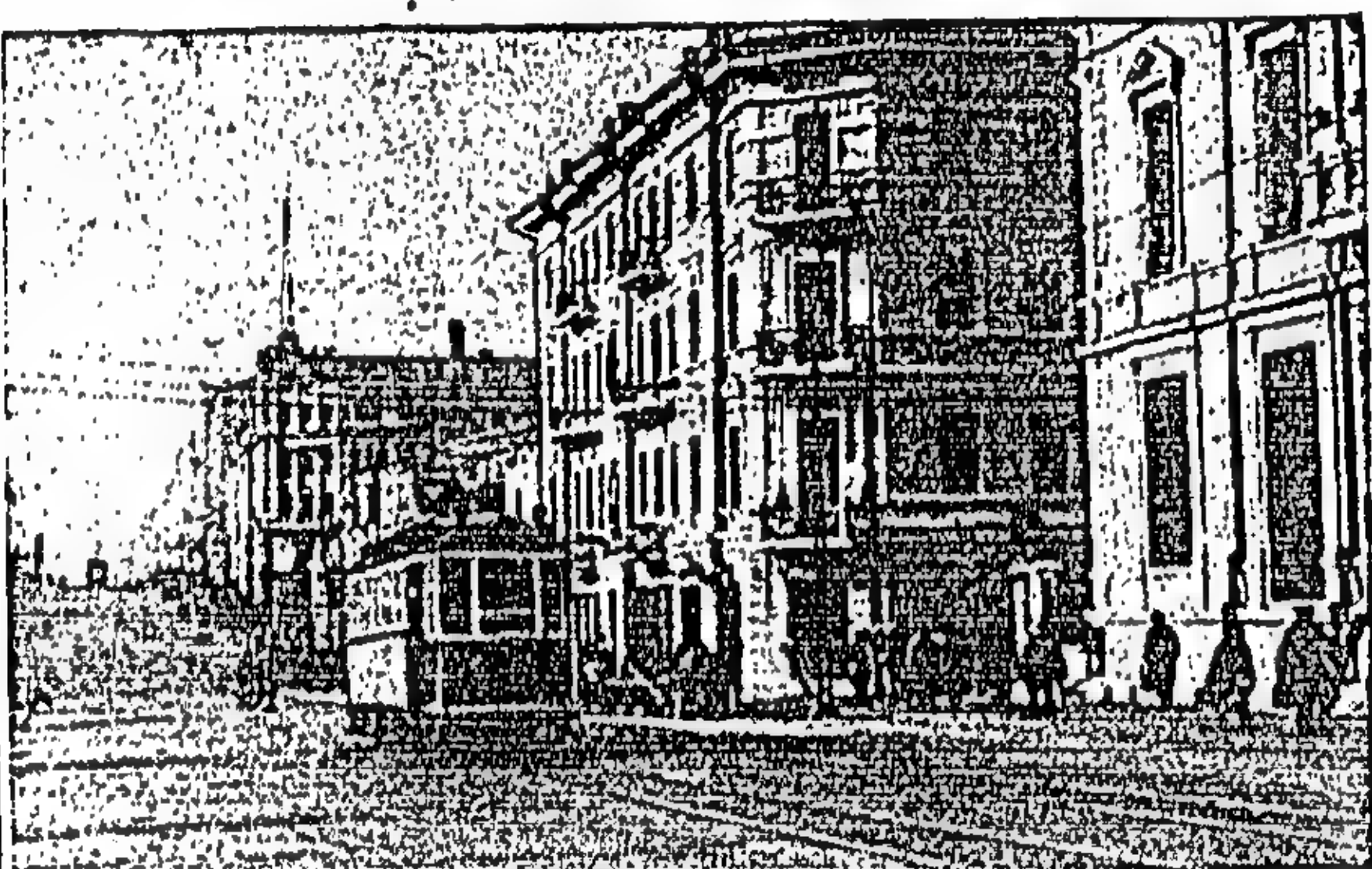
It will be recalled that a similar agreement was recently reported to

HONGKONG BANK MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held to-day.

Although other newspapers were supplied with copies of the Chairman's speech, the "Telegraph" representative was not accorded this privilege.

Under the circumstances, the "Telegraph" regrets that it is unable to publish details of the meeting.



STREET SCENE IN VLADIVOSTOK

BRITISH NAVY MAY BLOCKADE VLADIVOSTOK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It is officially announced that the British Government is considering the possibility of establishing Contraband Control around the Russian port of Vladivostok.

In making this announcement in the House of Commons last night, Mr. R. H. Cross, the Minister for Economic Warfare, said that Contraband Control would probably be extended to this area in order to prevent Russian imports from reaching Germany.

This announcement is interpreted here as indicating that friction between Soviet Russia and Britain has increased.

"The scheme will impose an additional task on the British Navy in the north Pacific," said Mr. Cross, in making the announcement.



As far as tin, rubber and other raw materials are concerned, it would appear easier and cheaper for Britain to control exports to Russia at their source rather than by a full-fledged naval blockade.

However, it is considered likely that Mr. Cross, who has been criticised extensively regarding alleged gaps in the British blockade of Germany, may have made his statement from a desire to please members of Parliament rather than because the

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Russia and Nazis Sign Pact to Exploit Oil

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Domei).—Soviet Russia and Germany have signed a new agreement which provides for the development by Germany of the Soviet oil-fields at Bashkir, according to information reaching Paris.

It is reported that the agreement provides for an increased output of 7,000,000 tons of oil a year, as compared with the present output of between 3,500,000 and 4,000,000 tons.

In return for German assistance, Soviet Russia will substantially increase deliveries of oil to Germany.

It is reported that German engineers are already at Bashkir.

2 BRITONS FOR TRIAL

Kidnapped Men In Hands Of Gestapo

THE HAGUE, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Major Stevens and Captain Best, the two British agents who were kidnapped at Venloo by the Gestapo last November, will be tried in a Berlin court early in March.

A German plumber, Herr Elser, who was arrested in connection with the Munich Beer Cellar explosion, will be tried in the same court.

The Gestapo accuses the British agents of complicity in the Munich explosion.

Fails To Notify Departure

The summons against Leslie Archibald Lewis, of 517 The Peak, for failing to give notice in writing to the Registration of Persons' Office of his departure from the Colony on January 9, was adjourned sine die by Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning.

A representative stated that Lewis was still in Chungking.

RED FLEET 'MOBILISED'

Navy Commissar Orders Ships To Stations

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Navy Commissar, Admiral Kuznetsov, has arrived at Murmansk.

He is reported to have ordered the Soviet fleet to take up positions along the waters of the whole Russian coast in the north.

ROOSEVELT MAY EXTEND DEFENCES OF CANAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Long-range defence of the Panama Canal required double the present number of planes and guns, President Roosevelt, who yesterday completed an inspection of the Canal, told a Press conference aboard the U.S. cruiser Tuscaloosa.

The President held that the planes were needed in order to discover an attacking force at a greater distance than hitherto provided for.

Such a long-range programme envisaged defence operations extend-

Big Drive On Viborg Opens

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, FEB. 28 (UP).—THE RUSSIAN ATTACK ON VIBORG HAS OPENED.

ACCORDING TO THE HELSINGFORS CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BERLINGSKE TIDENDE," THE RED ARMY HAS MASSED FOURTEEN DIVISIONS—APPROXIMATELY 200,000 MEN—FOR THE ATTACK.

Opposing them are about one-tenth that number of Finnish defenders.

The city and surrounding area has been completely evacuated by civilians.

In order to reach their objective, the Russians are attacking across the frozen surface of Viipuri Bay from Koivisto.

EVACUATION ORDERED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Finnish Government has ordered the immediate evacuation of all towns along the coast of Viipuri Bay to a depth of twenty-five miles inland.

This decision apparently indicates that the Finnish Army intends to evacuate Viborg, the republic's second largest city, and to withdraw to the third lines of defence behind the city.

The Russians continue to pound Viborg from across the bay. The city itself has already been completely evacuated by civilians and only the army and essential services now remain.

Despite the orders for general evacuation, the Finns are still holding their lines before Viborg, despite increasingly heavy pressure.

The Russians are now entrenched in the outlying suburbs approximately six miles from the centre of the city.

They have moved up their heavy artillery in order to make the bombardment more effective.

Fresh Tragedy

Fresh tragedy has also overwhelmed the Finnish forces in the far north, where the Russians launched a mighty attack on Sunday. After holding out for three days the Finnish forces have been compelled to evacuate Saakkijarvi, and have now retreated to their last lines of defence at Hoehenjajarvi, where they have their backs to the Norwegian frontier and from where further retreat is impossible unless

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WARSHIPS DAMAGED

Nazi Mine And Torpedo Strike Battleships

MR. CHURCHILL revealed in the House of Commons yesterday that H.M.S. Nelson, one of the most powerful warships afloat, had been damaged by a magnetic mine.

H.M.S. Barham had been struck by a U-Boat torpedo. Both ships reached port without loss, and are now almost ready to re-join the Fleet.

(Full Story on Page Two.)

Britain To Buy Chilean Wool

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The "Dow Jones" agency states that the Chilean Consulate General in New York has announced that the Chilean Exchange Control Commission and representatives of the British Government have signed an agreement whereby Britain will buy wool to the value of £200,000 in Chile.

The exchange balance thus created will be liquidated by the purchase of British merchandise.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th February.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st February.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon. Feb. 28.
Straits. Feb. 28.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 21st Feb.
Feb. 28.
Canton, Haiphong and Hanoi. Feb. 28.
Japan and Shanghai. Feb. 28.
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Manila. Feb. 28.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 31st Jan.). Feb. 28.
Straits. Feb. 28.
Bangkok. March 1.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. late, 10th Feb.). Mar. 1.
Haiphong, Hanoi and Port Bayard Mar. 1.

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 17th March.
K. P. O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.
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G. P. O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 5.30 p.m.
Straits. Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 29
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 13th March.
K. P. O.
Reg. March 29, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. March 29, 3.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. March 29, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. March 29, 3.30 p.m.
Port Bayard. March 29, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong. March 29, 2 p.m.
Shanghai. March 29, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy. March 29, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 1
Canton. March 1, 7.15 a.m.
Haiphong. March 1, 10 a.m.
Japan. March 1, 10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin. 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai. March 1, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th March.
G. P. O. & K. P. O.
Reg. March 29, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. March 29, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and London parcels only—due London 13th April.
K. P. O.
Reg. March 1, 3 p.m.
Ord. March 1, 5 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. March 1, 3 p.m.
Ord. March 1, 5 p.m.
Manila. March 1, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 2
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 21st March.
G. P. O. & K. P. O.
Reg. March 2, 5 p.m.
Ord. March 4, 8.45 a.m.
Ord. March 4, 9.30 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

THE TAIPO RURAL HOME AND ORPHANAGE

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The Orphanage will be formally opened on
Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.
His Excellency The Governor will perform the Opening Ceremony at 3.30 p.m.
All are cordially welcome.
Buses will leave the Peninsula Hotel for Tai-po at 2.00 and 2.15 p.m. and will return at 4.30 and 4.45 p.m.
Reservations must be booked beforehand at the Hongkong or Peninsula Hotel where tickets are obtainable at \$1 per Return Trip.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.
The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD. Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—
"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 by the issue of 400,000 shares of \$10 each, to be divided into 1,000,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."
And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—
"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940."
"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."
By order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 28 (UP).—

Twenty-five students are to be sent to England this year under the auspices of the British Boxer Fund.

NOTICE

Owing to the drastic increase in the cost of raw materials and freight, the undersigned are reluctantly compelled to increase the price of Beer by \$2.50 per case of 48 quarts or 72 pints, effective 28th February, 1940.

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Hongkong Brewery & Distillery Ltd., Hong Kong.

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Union Brewery Ltd., Shanghai.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

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As from to-day beer bottles bearing the Trademarks of the undersigned, will be redeemed at:—

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Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a child who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—
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The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.
The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.
All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk via Haiphong

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 6th March, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.
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Goods not cleared by the 4th March, 1940, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA, Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

H.M.S. Nelson, Most Powerful Ship Afloat, Struck Mine

TWO BATTLESHIPS DAMAGED BY NAZI MINE AND U-BOAT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, FEB. 28 (UP).—THE REVELATION THAT TWO BIG BRITISH BATTLESHIPS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY MINE AND TORPEDO WAS MADE BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT.

THE 33,500-TON BATTLESHIP, H.M.S. NELSON, STRUCK A MINE IN THE NORTH SEA.

THE 31,100-TON BATTLESHIP H.M.S. BARHAM WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY A GERMAN U-BOAT.

Anti-mine and anti-submarine bulges on both battleships saved them from destruction and both were able to make port under their own power.

Apart from the Royal Oak and Courageous, these are the only big ships of the British Navy to have been damaged or sunk since the outbreak of the war.

SOON TO REJOIN FLEET

The damage to these two powerful vessels was a secret in which to use Mr. Churchill's words, "many thousands of people were necessarily aware." It was so well-kept by dockyard and naval personnel, however, that it has only just leaked out in Germany, after it had ceased to have any importance.

Both H.M.S. Barham and H.M.S. Nelson are under repair and will be ready within a few days to rejoin the Fleet.

MAGNETIC MINE DAMAGES NELSON

Mr. Churchill revealed that the damage to H.M.S. Nelson was occasioned by a magnetic mine.

With her sister ship, H.M.S. Rodney, the Nelson is the most powerful warship afloat. Although smaller by 10,000 tons than the battle cruiser Hood, which is equipped with eight 15-in guns, H.M.S. Nelson is equipped with nine 16-inch guns.

DESTROYER RAMS SUB.

Another Serious Nazi Loss

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Feb. 28 (UP).—The 1,310-ton French destroyer Simoun has rammed and sunk a German U-boat "somewhere off Cap Finisterre."

The Simoun is a sister-ship of the destroyer Siroco, which has already sunk three submarines since the outbreak of war.

According to an official French Admiralty announcement, the Simoun was on patrol duty off Cap Finisterre when she sighted the submarine.

Depth Charges Attack

The Nazi U-boat was attacked by depth charges.

"As the Simoun turned to launch a further attack, she saw the damaged U-boat rise to the surface near where the first depth charges had exploded," the communiqué adds.

"The Commander of the French destroyer ordered full speed ahead and rammed the enemy."

"As she sank, further depth charges were dropped."

"The action concluded with a trail of oil which gradually spread over the surface of the sea until it covered an area of approximately eight square miles."

Unaware of the presence of each other the Norwegian steamer Arndt Jarl bore down unsuspectingly on the undersea craft.

There was a sudden crash as the bows of the freighter tore through the submarine.

The undersea craft is believed to have sunk immediately.

None of her crew has been rescued.

Girl Unmasks Spy Suspect

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An indication of the way in which every one in Britain is co-operating against people breaking defence regulations was provided by an Italian girl today.

The girl, 14 years old, is a resident of London normally but is now living in the country. She saw a man taking a photograph of a wrecked plane by means of a camera under his coat. Suspicious, she told a policeman.

The man was arrested and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. He is said to have been with a German cavalry regiment at one time.

The girl is an Italian who came to England three years ago.

Political Storm Over Saito Affair

Demand For Statement By Government

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—

The Saito affair continues to be in the forefront of the domestic and political situation in Japan.

As the result of the appearance before the Diet, Disciplinary Committee last Saturday of Mr. Takao Saito, who caused a storm by his questions regarding the Konoze statement which is being used as a basis by the Government in efforts to end the China conflict, the gap between those demanding his expulsion from the Lower House and those opposed to such action has widened.

No Government Action

The Government is avoiding interference in the matter for the time being, but has communicated to the political parties the opinion that they should show no leniency in considering Saito's punishment.

The attitude of the Army and Navy is reported to have strengthened, but they are much concerned over the ultimate outcome of the issue.

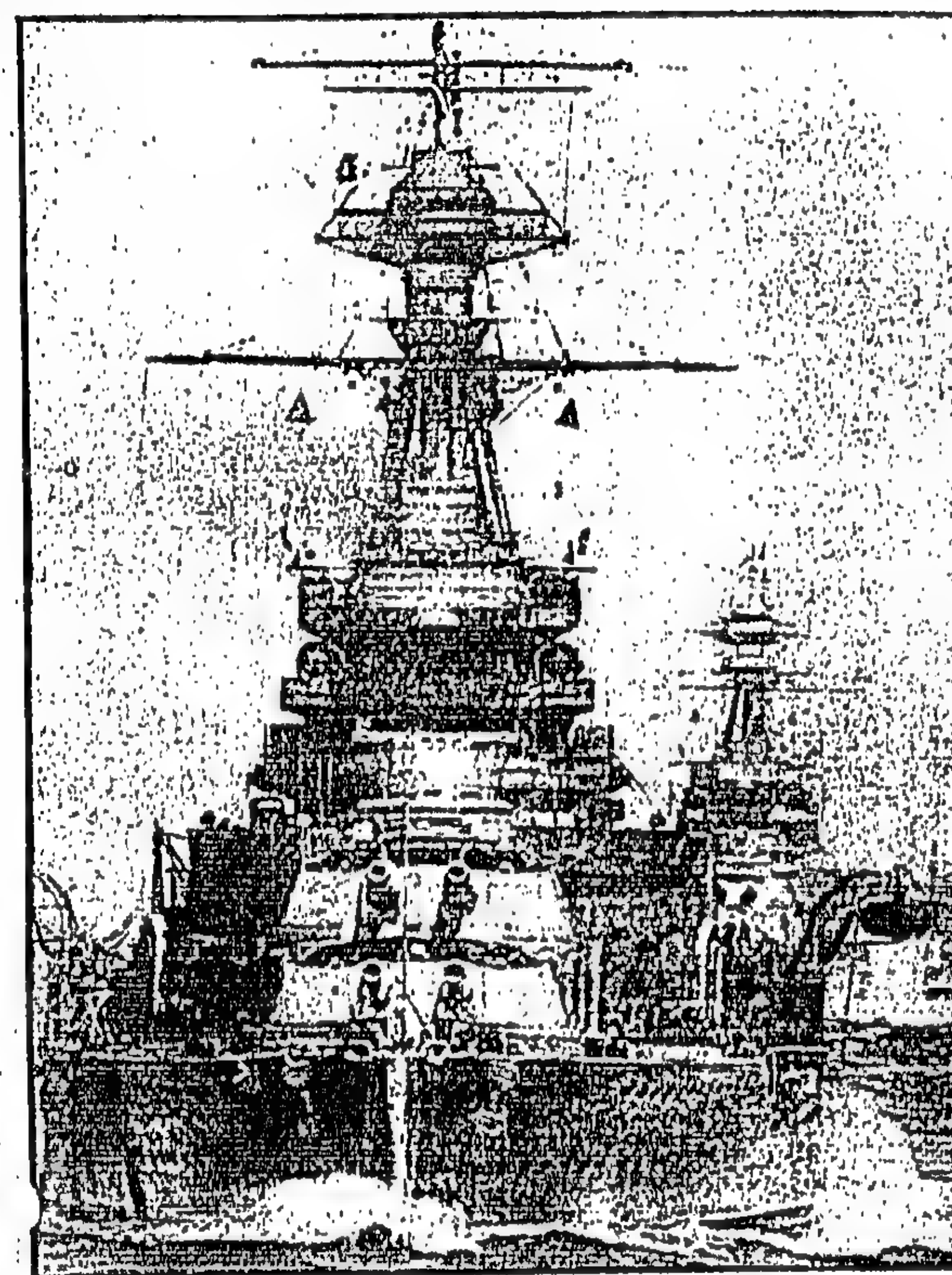
May Suspend Diet

The Cabinet is watching developments and is understood to be planning an order for suspension of the Diet if the Party leaders are unable to enforce action and dispose of the affair quickly.

Wants Govt. Statement

In the House of Representatives today, Mr. Yoshikazu Tanaka, Chairman of the Japan Young Men's League, urged that the Government publicly make known its policy in connection with the Saito case in order to avoid an unfortunate misunderstanding. (Applause). He referred to newspaper reports that the Government was causing a general impression that it was intimidating the Legislature.

In reply, Admiral Yonai, the Premier, stated definitely that the Government had no intention whatsoever of interfering with the business of the Imperial Diet.



H.M.S. NELSON

Mr. Welles To Find Berlin Uncompromising

WHAT HITLER WILL DEMAND FOR PEACE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (Domei).—Informed Nazi political circles state that Herr Hitler will present an uncompromising attitude towards Mr. Sumner Welles when the U.S. Under Secretary of State arrives in Berlin on Friday.

It is believed that Hitler will announce to Mr. Sumner Welles that his minimum peace terms will be as follows:

1.—Complete hegemony for Germany on the European continent;

2.—The return of German colonies.

Hitler is expected to emphasize that Germany will not under any circumstances take the initiative in any movement for peace.

He is expected to refer to relations between the United States and Germany, and to request Mr. Sumner Welles to inform the President that Germany expects the maintenance of strict neutrality on the part of America.

Welles Satisfied

Mr. Sumner Welles revealed in Rome to-day that he had not discussed the question of terminating hostilities with Signor Mussolini.

He said, however, that he was greatly satisfied at the results of his conversations with both Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano, and greatly appreciated the warm welcome accorded by the Italian Government and people.

Mr. Welles will leave Rome for Berlin at 12.05 p.m. on Wednesday.

In Berlin On Friday

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 28 (UP).—Mr. Welles leaves Rome for Berlin at noon today and will arrive in the German capital on Friday.

He will spend a night en route at Zurich.

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Pajala Raid Proved

Photographs Reveal
Extent Of Damage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (UP).—The morning newspapers here to-day published photographs showing the damage done by Russian bombs from the air on the town of Pajala. The photographs show huge craters, a badly wrecked workshop and a building completely destroyed except for the chimney.

The editorials in the newspapers state that the bombing of Pajala was a practical lesson on what Sweden may expect from Russia.

96 Civilians Killed
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The result of Soviet air raids in the first fortnight of February shows that 96 civilians were killed and 134 injured.

DEATH PENALTY APPEAL FAILS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHEFFIELD, Feb. 27 (UP).—The British Full Court to-day dismissed the appeal of Private Eckford of the Seaforth Highlanders against the death sentence passed on him for the murder of Lance-Cpl. Davis. The appeal was based on the claim that the trial judge, Sir Alan Mossop, had failed properly to instruct the jury.

Eckford's attorney, Mr. K. E. Newman, addressed the Court for an hour and 40 minutes.

U.S. Exports To Reds

Shipments Being Sent
Via Vladivostok

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Answering suggestions made at question time in the House of Commons that American shipments of tin, oil and rubber to Vladivostok might be finding their way to Germany, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, said that he was aware that shipments of tin and rubber from America to Russia had increased in the past few months, but shipments of petroleum appeared to have decreased.

He had no information whether a part of these materials was being resold to Germany.

Assurances Wanted
Mr. Geoffrey Mander suggested that the Government should obtain assurances on the point from America.

Mr. Cross pointed out that the United States was a neutral country. He did not feel that it would be our best course to make such a direct approach.

Mr. Mander recalled that negotiations were proceeding with a number of neutrals to prevent this kind of thing, and asked why the United States was excluded.

Mr. Cross said that the countries with which these negotiations were proceeding were subject to our contraband control, but there was no such sanction where the United States was concerned.

Driest Jan- Feb. For 22 Years Less Than Half An Inch Of Rain

Only ten times during the past 56 years has the total rainfall during January and February of any one year been less than one inch.

This year, unless there is a heavy fall of rain between now and 10 a.m. on Friday, will be the eleventh time that the two months have yielded below an inch of rain.

In fact, at the present moment, the last two months have been the driest for 22 years. To date, only thirty-three points of an inch have been recorded by the Royal Observatory since 1854, and since 1918 the total rainfall for the two months amounted to 0.25 of an inch, which is an all-time record. The average rainfall for the two months is three inches.

Driest Winter Ever

Although rain on January 15 spoilt the chances of December-January 1939-40 creating a new drought record, it can be said that a new record for lack of rain has been established during the past three months.

While the winter of 1909-10 set a drought record of 60 days, once that was broken quite heavy rain fell. This also happened after the 50 day drought of 1919-20.

This year, however, the break of the drought after 49 days did not presage any rainfall, and since January 15, rain has been recorded on five days only, namely, February 1, nineteen points of an inch, Feb. 14, one point, the 18th five points, the 20th one point and the 21st five points.

The Royal Observatory gives no hint of any break in the present fine spell of weather, to-day's local forecast being: north-east winds, moderate; fair.

U.S. Exports To Europe

Small Increase To
Allies Noted

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Mr. Ronald Cross was questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding American exports to Europe, and was asked whether he was aware that in the last four months American exports to 13 European countries rose in value from £35,000,000 to £52,000,000 while in the same time American values to England and France only increased from £20,000,000 to £27,000,000.

Mr. Cross declared that he had not checked these figures, but even if they were accurate it did not follow that any action on the part of the Government was required.

No Serious Leakage

He had no reason to suspect that there was any serious leakage as far as the European countries were concerned, and he had no reason to object if neutrals should obtain their requirements from the United States rather than Germany.

Mr. Cross added that with the exception of exports to Russia via Vladivostok all exports in question passed through the control and were most carefully watched.

Mr. Roosevelt And The Pope

Message Talks Of
Common Ideal

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—President Roosevelt, in a message to the Pope concerning the appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor, says: "I should be very happy to know that he will form the focus for all views which You Holiness and I may desire to exchange in the interest of concord between the peoples of the world."

"I have asked Mr. Taylor to give my cordial greetings to Your Holiness in the sincere hope that our common ideal of religion and humanity may show itself in a common path for the re-establishment of a more durable peace founded on liberty and security, and the life and integrity of all nations under the protection of God."

U.S. Envoy Received

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (Domel).—Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative, was received by Pope Pius XII at the Holy See this morning.

Mr. Taylor presented President Roosevelt's personal message and his credentials to His Holiness. The interview lasted about 40 minutes.

Depreciation Of & Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons to-day, denied that Britain depreciated her currency at the beginning of the war in order to stimulate exports. "It was considered wise to allow the pound to fall to a rate which represented its true economic value," he said.

SHANGHAI TRADE

Big Improvement
In January

SHANGHAI, Feb. 28. (Reuters).—Foreign trade in January totalled \$4,904,271, comprising imports of \$2,463,390 and exports of \$2,440,881.

The latter was higher by approximately £8,000 than in January, 1937, when the dollar stood at 1s. 2½d, while the import surplus in January of £22,500 compares with the import surplus of £226,338 in December.

Commenting on the trade position in relation to the exchange rates, "Finance and Commerce" states: "The strength of the dollar must ultimately depend upon the merchandise of supply and demand. As is well-known, the weakness of exchange rates has been most largely due to the tremendous demand made by the excessive import of raw materials and necessities from abroad."

The One Big Hope

"So far, there has been nothing to put against the great part of this demand, but if from now onward exports can be maintained on the January scale or improved upon it, alarms and predictions of disaster will soon subside."

Referring to partial liquidation of the oversold position which has provided the bulk of selling in the local market in the past week, the "Finance and Commerce" remarks: "There can be no doubt that this source of supply is now becoming most attenuated indeed. Exports, therefore, are urgently needed to fill the gap."

Trade With Japan

Questions Asked In
House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Miss Wilkinson asked Sir Andrew Duncan, the President of the Board of Trade, regarding the arrangement recently made with the Japanese Government providing for the import of 350,000 dozen pairs of stockings and a large quantity of other textiles from Japan.

Sir Andrew replied that there had been for some years an agreement between British and Japanese hosiery manufacturers for the limitation of exports of Japanese hosiery to the United Kingdom. This agreement was renewed in January and with the agreement the British hosiery industry imports licensing restrictions were since relaxed so as to allow the limited import of cheap Japanese hosiery of a kind not made here in quantities sufficient to meet the demand.

Exports Agreement

Miss Wilkinson asked whether in view of our position as regards unemployment and food supplies, it was necessary to arrange for the import of silk stockings in war time.

Sir Andrew replied that there was likewise a need for export trade and it was made quite clear to the Japanese Government that the continuance of this concession depends on their attitude to the admission of British woolen hosiery to Japan.

Mr. Thomas (Labour): "The more trade we do with the Japanese they more they can hammer away at the Chinese."

Soviets' War Materials

Query Raised In The
House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Russian import of war material was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day by Rear-Admiral Beamsley.

Replying, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, stated Russian imports of war material, except from Germany, appeared to have been considerably reduced in recent months.

Imports of certain raw materials, including rubber, copper and molybdenum, during the period between September and January, were however larger than during the same period of 1937-38.

These imports entered the Soviet Union at Vladivostok and came from Mexico, from the Philippine and from the Dutch Indies.

Ships employed appeared mainly to be Soviet, Dutch, Japanese and Norwegian.

These ships did not pass through British contraband controls.

PLANE CRASHES: 12 KILLED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Pan-American Airways announced that ten passengers, the pilot and co-pilot were killed when a South and Central America Aero Company's transport plane crashed near Bucaramanga, Colombia.

To Protect Seamen From War Dangers

Chamber Of Shipping's
Recommendations

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Life-saving jackets which a crew could wear at work, and the provision of rafts for all on board were among the recommendations made by the British Chamber of Shipping to its members as safety measures to meet the danger of ships being torpedoed or mined.

This is revealed in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping. Other recommendations included the provision of illumination on rafts and on an increased number of life-buoys, alternative lighting on ships and electric torches for members of the crew.

Higher Running Costs
The report dealt with the increased running costs for shipping, pointing out that a deep sea tramp steamer of about 9,000 tons would, in April, 1939, have cost £25 per day to run, £48 per day in September, 1939, and £51 per day in January, 1940.

A vessel which would have cost £100,000 to build in 1938 cost £120,000 immediately before the war and would cost £160,000 to-day.

The report points out that there is not a single shipbuilding yard idle in this country. Foreign competition, so far from diminishing, was being greatly strengthened.

Under the first step towards maintaining British shipping, says the report, there must be a strengthening of the financial position of the industry during the war in order that it might be able to compete with foreign shipping after the war.

No Re-Export To Reich

How Britain's War
Trade Pacts Operate

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The aims of British war trade agreements were outlined by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by Miss Ward whether the Government, in any circumstances, concluded or under negotiations with neutral governments, had consented to the continuation of re-export to Germany by the neutral countries concerned.

Mr. Cross in reply stated that war trade agreements generally aimed at securing guarantees against the re-export of contraband goods to Germany with machinery for their enforcement, thus facilitating the operation of our contraband control and at the same time enabling the neutral countries concerned to maintain their domestic economy.

Belligerent Rights
Mr. Cross emphasised that there was nothing in the agreements which prevented us from exercising our full belligerent rights in respect of any contraband goods in regard to which we had evidence of an enemy destination.

There had been no substantial difficulty in securing that the machinery in neutral countries for preventing re-export to Germany of their overseas imports, especially foodstuffs and raw materials, should be operated in a manner satisfactory to us.

With regard to goods which these countries concerned usually supplied that such goods might be expected to both belligerents on a second-time level.

Cases where a neutral country had a manufacturing industry depending on imports of raw materials were most difficult to deal with, and our aim in the case of important commodities had been by agreement to prevent the entire or partial re-export of such quantities, exports of such manufactures to Germany.

Five minutes after obtaining her divorce, Miss Best married Nat Wolff, a theatrical agent.

Not to be outdone, Herbert Marshall has now eloped with Miss Elizabeth Roberta Brandt, a Hollywood actress who was formerly a model.

They have been married in Las Vegas.

Miss Brandt is Marshall's third wife. He divorced Mollie Matfield, his first mate, in order to marry Edna Best.

Marshall served with the B.E.F. during the Great War and was wounded in action in France.

NO CURRENCY DEPRECIATION

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, assured a questioner in the House of Commons to-day that currency depreciation would not be resorted to as a means of stimulating export trade by giving an unreasonable competitive exchange advantage.

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Lapse During Chinese
New Year

Young Lai-cheung, 38, clerk employed by Messrs. A. and S. Hancock, Exchange Building, was sent to prison for one month by Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning, after pleading guilty to the larceny of \$120 from the firm on February 3.

Det.-Sgt. Brooks prosecuted, and said Young had been employed for the last nine years, receiving a salary of \$55 a month. He was given \$120 to pay into the bank on February 3. The loss was discovered on February 23 while going through the books, and when questioned, Young admitted spending the money during Chinese New Year. A warrant was taken out for his arrest when he absconded to Macao.

Defendant said he had spent the money on his children who were sick.

In imposing sentence of one month's imprisonment, Mr. Edwards said he had taken into consideration the fact that defendant had lost his job.

BRITISH SAILOR FORFEITS BAIL

Bail of \$20 was estreated by Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning when Hector MacKillop, Able Seaman, failed to appear in Court to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly in the Central Charge Room yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Moreton prosecuted.

Stricken Soldier In Hospital

Owing to a misunderstanding, it was inadvertently reported yesterday that Private Cruickshanks, of the Royal Scots Regiment, died on the way to Kowloon Hospital after he was found by a Chinese constable outside the Y.M.C.A. in Salisbury Road on Monday evening. Private Cruickshanks is still in hospital undergoing treatment.

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Death Of Gen. W. S. Graves

Commanded U.S. Forces
In Siberia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHREWSBURY, N.J., Feb. 27 (UP).—Major General William S. Graves, retired, died here to-day of coronary thrombosis at the age of 74 years.

He was the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia from 1918 to 1920.

At the age of 24 years, he graduated from the U. S. Military Academy and in the same year acted as 2nd Lt. in the 7th Infantry.

He was promoted through grades to Major General in 1925.

In Philippine Campaigns
In 1899, he was ordered to the Philippine Islands where he participated in various campaigns. He received the thanks of General J. F. Bell for gallantry in action against insurgents at Colocan in 1901.

He was again in the Philippine Islands from 1904-06 and was transferred to San Francisco shortly after the 1906 earthquake.

From 1909-11, he was on duty with the General Staff and for the next seven years was with the General Staff Corps.

He was commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia from 1918 to 1920.

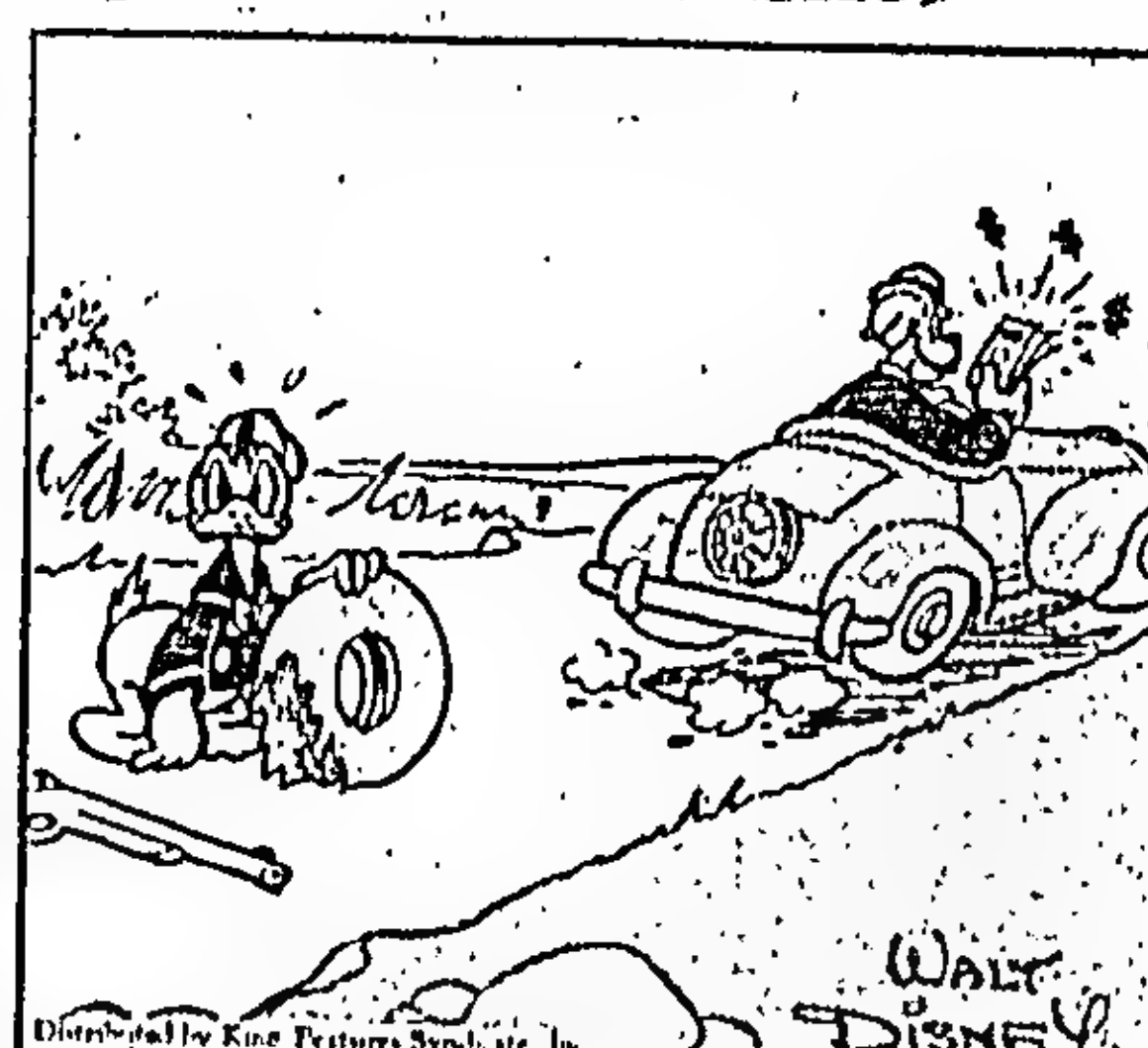
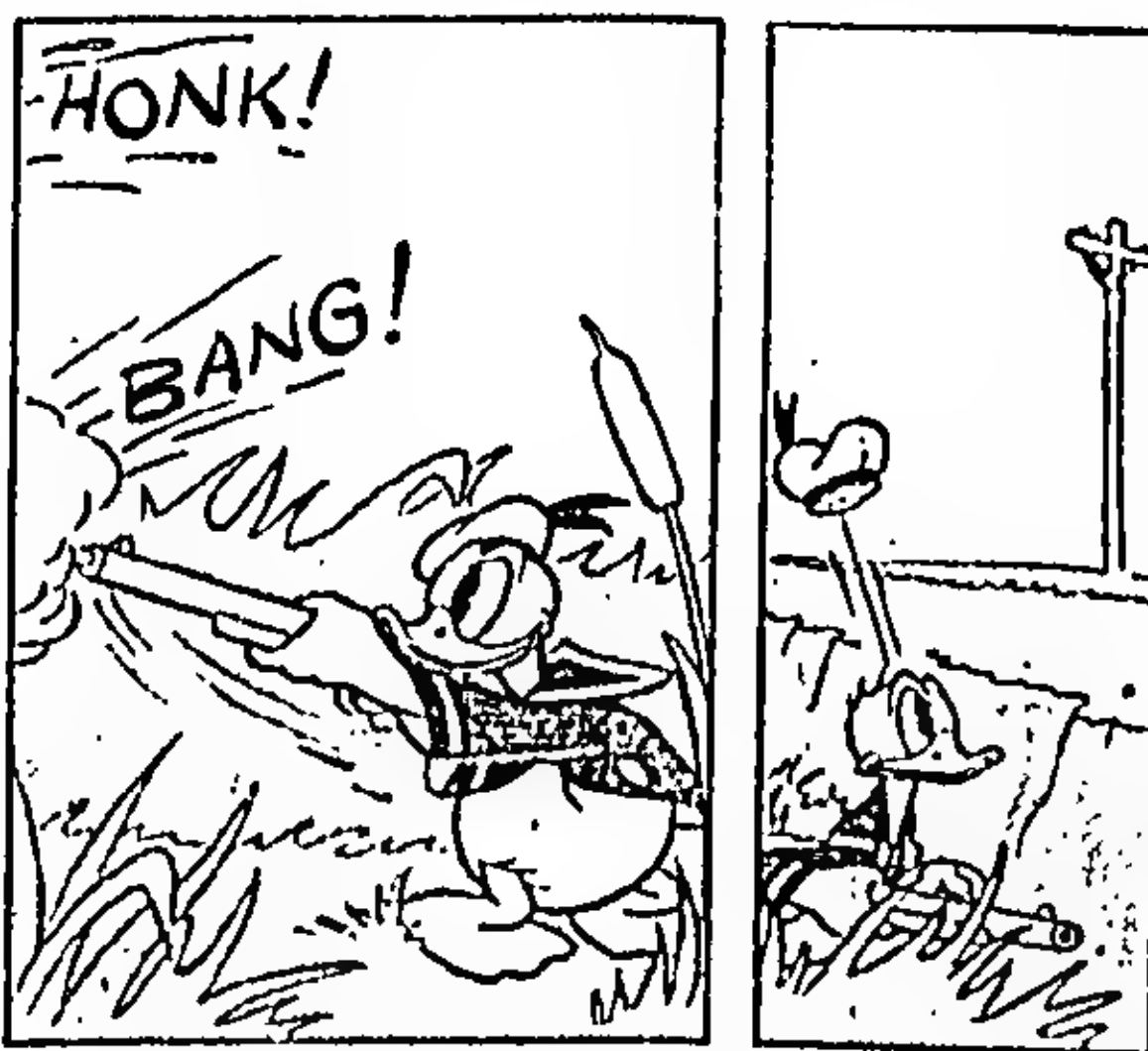
Commanded Fort McKinley
He returned to the Philippines Islands again in 1920 as Commander of Fort McKinley.

In the years that followed, he was Commander of the 1st Brigade of the 1st Division, of the 6th Corps Area in Chicago and of the Panama Canal Department.

He retired from active service in 1928.

Major General Graves was awarded many decorations including the D.S.M. in 1910; the Order of the Rising Sun, 2nd Class, Japan; Order of the Wen Hu (Striped Tiger), China; and the War Cross, Czechoslovakia; Order of the Crown of Italy.

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Scapa Flow Abandoned As British Naval Anchorage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Admiralty has abandoned Scapa Flow as a naval base.

The great inland harbour off the northern coast of Scotland, which was believed impregnable to attack from the sea in the last war, will no longer provide refuge for British warships.

Decision to abandon the Base was made after a Nazi submarine succeeded in entering the land-locked harbour and torpedoing H.M.S. Royal Oak as she lay at anchor.



The announcement of the Admiralty's decision to withdraw warships from Scapa Flow was made by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons last night.

Gravoyard Of German Navy
It is presumed that the decision was made by the Admiralty owing to the uncertainty of its value as protection for the fleet from either aerial or submarine attack.

Scapa Flow, in addition to providing the British Fleet with a safe anchorage in the last war, is the graveyard of the old Imperial German Navy. It was here that Germany first practised the art of scuttling.

Mr. Churchill revealed that Scapa Flow had not been used as a naval anchorage since the torpedoing there of H.M.S. Royal Oak.

He admitted that Scapa was the Royal Navy's best strategic base.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
1.25 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.
1.45 Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, The Duncan Sisters, "Hutch," and Others.

2.15 Close Down.
6.00 Compositions of Bach—Prelude and Fugue, No. 17, in a Flat Major, Evelyn Howard-Jones (Piano); Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B Flat Major, Sir Henry Wood and His Symphony Orchestra; The Heart I Ask From Thee, Love, My Spirit Was in Heaven, Lotte Leonard (Soprano) with Harpsichord, Organ and Violin; Sonata No. 3 in E, Isolda Menges and Harold Samuel (Violin and Piano).

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 Vocal Selections by The Kentucky Minstrels.
7.00 London Relay—"The Last Light of the Evening"—A Feature Programme.

7.30 London Relay—"The News."
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 A Short Sibelius Programme—Karelia Suite, Op. 11, London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr; Elektra Kom Itran Sin Alakings Mote, Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano accomp. Sung in Swedish.

8.15 Studio—"A Latvian Programme by Harry Ore at the Piano."
8.45 Studio—"Some Great Authors"—J. Burke, "The third of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J."

9.05 Violin Solo by Eric Keeler.
Indian Lament, Slavonic Dance No. 3 in G Major, with Piano accomp. by Carl Lamson.

9.15 London Relay—"News Summary."
9.30 Kitty Masters, Harold Ramsay and John Hadow in Variety.
10.00 Half an hour of Dance Music.

10.30 London Relay—"The Turning of the Worm," or "In The Rough Again."

11.00 Close Down.

R.A.F.'s "House To House Canvass" In Leaflet Raid Over Berlin

DRAMATIC FLIGHTS OVER NAZI CITIES
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—It has been officially announced that two German bombing planes were brought down to-day.

One was shot down by a Royal Air Force fighting plane from the Command patrol off the mouth of the Firth of Forth shortly before 1 p.m., while a second was shot down by a R.A.F. plane off the coast of Northumberland.

Three members of the German plane's crew were seen to take to a rubber boat.

R.A.F. Flights Into Germany
Intense air activity has resulted in the reported loss of two German bombers off the British coast, and of one of possibly two R.A.F. planes during a reconnaissance flight over the Heligoland Bight.

The R.A.F. pushed deeply into Germany and the Nazi pilots flew over France in a sudden spurt of air action which extended over the fighting fronts.

Leaflet Raid Over Berlin

R.A.F. headquarters in France described a "leaflet" raid over Berlin which was "almost a house to house canvass." R.A.F. planes flew unmolested up and down above Unter den Linden, Wilhelmstrasse and Kurfuertendamm, littering the streets with thousands of leaflets.

Paris to-day reported that six persons were wounded by the explosion of anti-aircraft shells during a barrage in which five German planes which had penetrated the Paris region were driven off.

It is understood that several enemy bombing squadrons crossed the border with fighting planes acting as escorts. Some flew over the north and northwest areas, while a detachment of five swooped over to the Paris region. Others scouted in other sectors. An anti-aircraft shell blasted a two-foot hole in a street near a subway station, shattering the windows in the neighbourhood.

Heligoland Raid
The official news agency in Berlin claims the Germans shot down a British Bristol-Blenheim over the Heligoland Bight and said the anti-aircraft guns so damaged a second R.A.F. plane it was probably unable to return to its base.

The Berlin official news agency admitted that the R.A.F. flew over northwest Germany but denied they reached Berlin.

A London report says a British patrol brought down a Heinkel plane over the Firth of Forth and brought down a second Heinkel off the Northumberland coast. The crew of this second plane took to rubber boats. These two German planes are the 42nd and 43rd known to have been downed by the British defenders.

Air Ministry Admission

The Air Ministry said the R.A.F. successfully reconnoitred over the Heligoland Bight and admitted that one plane failed to return.

Air circles indicated that during the past 24 hours air activity has been the heaviest since the start of the war. At least four separate flights were made over German territory—the fourth of such flights in the last five days.

A report from the Hague states officially that aeroplanes of unidentified nationality were observed along the coast near Amsterdam and

NAZIS TO BE RELEASED

NINE OF the twenty-one Germans who were removed from the N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru last month and who are now interned in Hongkong are to be returned to Japan tomorrow.

The nine men will be taken to Japan in a British vessel, and will be handed over to the Japanese authorities at a spot off Yokohama.

An official communique to this effect was issued by the naval authorities in Hongkong this morning. The communique stated:

"It is expected that on February 29 nine German nationals who were recently taken from the Asama Maru by a British warship will be returned to the Japanese authorities.

"They are to be brought from Hongkong in a British vessel and handed over off Yokohama to representatives of the Japanese Government."

It was announced in Tokyo yesterday that arrangements for the transfer of the nine Germans had been completed at a final conference between the British Ambassador and the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

UNDERWRITERS SATISFIED

Quote Lower Rates For Convoyed Ships

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The confidence of Marine Insurance circles in the convoy system is illustrated in the rates quoted in London. Up to Wednesday last week, only 21 of the 10,078 ships convoyed were lost, improving on the previous figure of one in 800.

Underwriters in London now quote for single voyages in European waters—unescorted ships, 80 shillings per £100; convoyed ships, 60 shillings per £100.

The comparative kindness of the Nazis to Italian and Japanese ships is also reflected in the fact that the underwriters quote lower rates for ships of these countries than they do for others.

AUSTRALIA'S SECOND DEFENCE LOAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CANBERRA, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Commonwealth of Australia will shortly float its second Defence Loan.

DEATH OF TAIWAN

Mr. J. D. Humphreys Passes

The death occurred at 5 a.m. to-day at the War Memorial Hospital of Mr. J. D. Humphreys, of Messrs. J. D. Humphreys and Son, of Alexandra Building.

Admitted to hospital on Sunday evening, the late Mr. Humphreys took a turn for the worse last night.

Born in Hongkong 46 years ago, Mr. Humphreys was one of the best-known and respected residents of the Colony. He was a popular sportsman and in 1920 represented Hongkong in the Interport cricket series. He was also a good tennis player and a member of the Hongkong C.C.

Served In Great War

The late Mr. Humphreys went to England for schooling and returned to the East in 1911 to join Messrs. Holiday, Wise and Co. of Manila. In 1915 he returned to Europe and served in the Great War in an artillery unit, returning to Hongkong in 1919 and joining his father's firm, J. D. Humphreys and Son.

He leaves his father, now in Victoria, B.C., and two sisters to mourn his death. One of his sisters is the wife of Mr. D. E. Clark, of the same firm. The funeral will take place this

Spain To Re-open Stock Exchanges

MADRID, Feb. 27 (UP).—It has been decreed that the Stock Exchanges at Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao will be re-opened next Friday. They have been closed since July 18, 1936.

afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

Seven Big Battleships Near Completion, Churchill Reveals In House of Commons

BIG ARMADA OF NEW SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

Waste-Land Of Europe

Due To Failure Of Our Civilisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OXFORD, Feb. 28, (UP).—"The existence of war in Europe to-day is a sign of failure, or something more than failure, of our western civilisation.

"I am appalled by one fact that transcends all others.

"This 'waste land' in which we live—this European civilisation in which the lamps are burning dim—was not brought to its present pass merely by the mistakes, the pride or the selfishness of an older generation."

The man who addressed these words to the members of the younger generation at Oxford University to-day was a member of the older generation which he defended.

He was 59-year-old Lord Halifax, Secretary of State for the Dominions and Chancellor of the University since 1933.

Many of his listeners, he told the students, were preparing to join the British fighting forces.

Fighting For Better World

"You who are preparing to do so know that you will be fighting to realise the prospects that there will be a better world afterwards."

"The issue of the present conflict will profoundly affect the whole future of mankind."

"Racial doctrine, as interpreted by the Nazi creed is sheer primitive nonsense."

"We are no more prepared to admit Germany's superiority as a race than we are concerned in asserting our own."

"If that were all, it would not greatly matter."

"But when this doctrine is invoked in justification for the oppression of other races, it becomes a crime against humanity."

"The true pride of a race may be tested by the behaviour of its possessors towards their own fellow-citizens and others."

Civilisation Betrayed

"The German race, under its present rulers, is betraying both itself and the greater civilisation of which it is a part. It is betraying those to whom its progress might, and should, make a distinctive contribution."

"The real tragedy of that betrayal, as it affects German youth, is the enlistment of instincts of self-sacrifice and devotion in the service of crime."

"And until these false creeds are repudiated and replaced by wider tolerance they must continue to excite and arouse resistance."

"The youth of Germany has been deliberately deprived of the elements of true justice."

"Their viewpoint stands in stark opposition to yours. There seems to be an impenetrable barrier dividing them from you. This barrier, somehow, must be broken down."

Swedish Ship Ramméd

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Seven survivors of the Swedish steamer, Nordin, 1,316 tons, which is stated to have been accidentally rammed and sunk in darkness off the Norwegian coast, have been landed at a Scottish port by a British warship. Two men are missing.

Collided With Submarine

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Further news of the sinking of the Swedish steamer, Nordin, reveals that she sprang a serious leak as the result of a collision with a submarine.

The crew managed to keep her afloat with pumps until within sight of the Norwegian coast when the ship was half-submerged. The crew were taken off by a Danish steamer.

The submarine's periscope was torn off but her ultimate fate is unknown.

Waste-Land Of Europe

Due To Failure Of Our Civilisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—"The British Navy will shortly be reinforced by seven of the most powerful battleships in the world.

All are nearing completion and, it is believed, one has already been commissioned.

Two of these battleships, the Lion and the Temeraire, will be bigger than the 42,000-ton battle cruiser Hood, which at present is the largest warship afloat.

16-in. Guns

They were both laid down early last year and are now being rushed to completion. They will probably be armed with 16-in. guns.

In addition to these two monsters, Mr. Winston Churchill has revealed in the House of Commons that five battleships of the King George V class are now nearing completion.

They are the King George V, the Anson, the Jellcoat, the Prince of Wales and the Beatty.

Each has a displacement of 35,000 tons—larger than either the Rodney or the Nelson. They will probably be equipped with ten 14-in. guns.

16-in. Armour Plating

It was officially announced that the designs of these ships would include enhanced defence against air attack, including an improved distribution of deck and side armour and more elaborate sub-division. Unofficial reports have placed the weight of armour as over 14,000 tons, with a waterline thickness of 16 inches.

All five ships were laid down in 1937, and two were launched before the outbreak of war in September last. It is believed that all five are now being launched.

The original pre-war construction plans envisaged the commissioning of the King George V and Prince of Wales—the two ships launched before the outbreak of war—sometime this year. The remaining three were to have been commissioned in 1941. Doubtless, this programme has been speeded up.

Very Small Losses

Against this total tonnage of 225,000 tons, which does not include the innumerable cruisers, destroyers and other craft already commissioned since the outbreak of war, or the hundreds of thousands of tons under completion, Britain's total warship losses, including five destroyers, in the first six months of warfare has amounted to no more than 63,000 tons.

This is only half the tonnage lost in the first six months of the last war," said Mr. Churchill last night.

CAUSTIC COMMENT

Hitler Policy Seen In True Light

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The Ankara paper, "Ulus," says that the classical meaning of neutrality is modified by Germany, which deems that neutrality is violated if any State declines to sell to her goods at her prices, or accept the restrictions of the contraband control, or comply to preserve their independence in short, unless they serve the aims of her foreign policy.

The meaning of aggression has suffered strange changes. Thus Germans were not the aggressors in Poland. The Allies were the aggressors for trying to thwart that attack.

They Have One Merit

When she destroyed Czechoslovakia, Germany was only defending herself against her victim. The partition of Poland was merely an act of self defence. The Poles, by resisting, were the aggressors.

Such new definitions have at least the merits of throwing light on German policy.

The Istanbul paper, "Yenisabah," says: "Mr. Chamberlain's policy was sincere as always. It was moderate in tone, but this was not due to fear, as Britain is stronger militarily and politically than at the outbreak of war."

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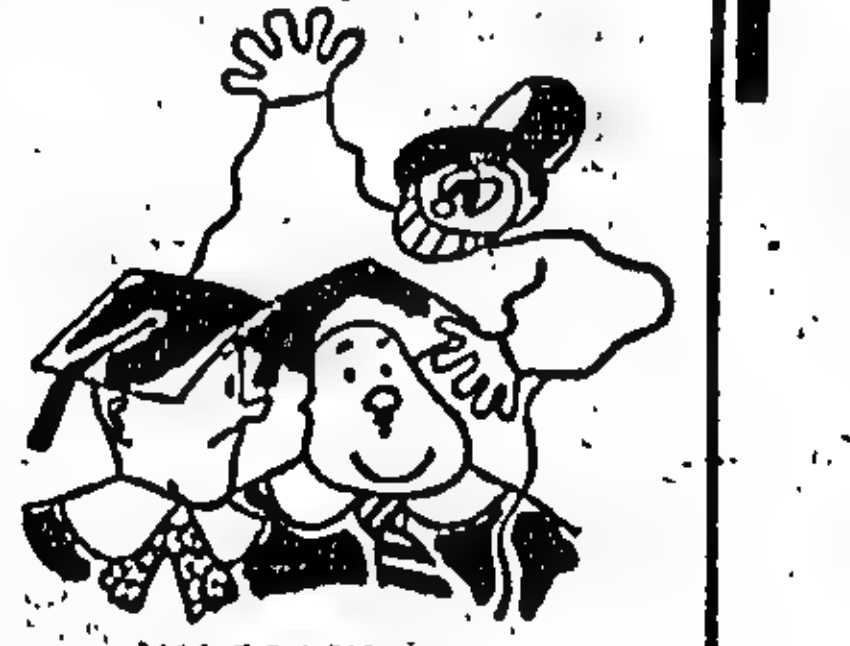
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The Minesweepers

There is no branch of the services to which the thoughts of an island people turn with more anxiety and gratitude than to the men who man the little ships that strive to keep the waters clear for the sea-borne traffic on which our existence depends.

Kipling did justice to the minesweepers in the last war in that rousing song that Elgar set to music:

*Mines reported in the fairway,
Warn all traffic and detain;
Send up Unity, Claribel, Assyrian,
Stormcock and Golden Gann.*

It is vital to the safety of Britain that our fishermen should be willing in time of war to bring to the hazardous business of our defence the skill and endurance that give them a poor enough return in time of peace, and they have never been found wanting.

To-day their task is pursued without ceasing in the face of risks unknown before, for to the rage of winter storms and the menace of mine and torpedo is added the threat of attack from the air.

The sailor knows, and the landsman can well guess, what fortitude is needed for the work and what hardship it entails, yet among all the organisations for lightening the lot of this or that branch of the services none deals with the crews of the coastal craft that are so often in our minds. At least the monotony and anxiety of cramped quarters and constant peril can be lightened by the provision of wireless sets and of facilities for such games as can be played on board.



Goebbels: "What's wrong with Hermann?"

Ribbenflop: "The Fuehrer has just broken it to him that his medals must be melted down for munitions."

First time up, in charge of a bomber

by J. STUBBS-WALKER

ALMOST every day now you hear about those far-away things that the men of the Royal Air Force are doing. Outlandish feats of courage and endurance in a world about which you probably know little.

There is, in the air, a splash of modern adventure which tinges the exploits of the war pilots with a glamour difficult to find in the mud-drenched fields of France and Germany.

Yet it is more than likely that many of them, twelve months ago, had never flown an aeroplane.

LET me give you a detailed picture of what it is like to take over the controls of an aeroplane—a bomber—for the first time.

We are not concerned now with actual bombing—merely the plotting of the machine.

Our learner has been training on the ground for weeks before he flies, and, if his hands and feet lack the necessary delicacy of touch, his brain has at least grasped the elements of flying.

And these are not so difficult. The first time that you are taught to fly you are shown just where everything is. In a primary training machine, it is all surprisingly simple: feet on rudder pedals, right hand holding the joystick—gently—and the left hovering near the control for the throttle.

So simple—you think—that you cannot go wrong. Until, after he has explained it all, your instructor tells you to take over the controls.

And then you begin really to learn how to fly.

IN that training plane in which you make your first mistakes—two large dials show your height and your speed. A smaller dial shows you the number of revolutions being made per minute by the engine. Another registers the engine oil pressure.

Probably, too, there is a pale green tube of glass, slightly curved and with a bubble floating in it. It shows you when the machine is level, laterally.

Compare the simplicity of that cockpit with the pilot's seat in a modern twin-engined machine. His controls are very nearly the same—a joystick (we call it a control-column these days) and rudder pedals.

But before him is a board containing the most impressive array of instruments imaginable. Anything from 20 to 30 dials register such obscure things as engine boost-pressure, oxygen supply,

position of the retractable under-carriage, angle of the variable pitch propellers.

Instead of the simple ratchet that controls the throttle, he has a gantry of arms in the centre of the cockpit—a miniature railwayman's signal-box.

These control the pitch of the propeller, the mixture of the fuel, the speed of the engines, and, in some planes, the rows of bomb-racks beneath the plane.

On top of all that, he has controls for the wing flaps which slow him down when he is landing, and for the wheels which he tucks away neatly when he is flying.

When he is on a bombing or reconnaissance flight, he has to think as well. Apart from the control of his plane he is responsible for watching for enemy machines.

Strapped to his mouth is the oxygen feed that is necessary at heights of more than 15,000 feet. He must remember to turn that on

and keep it at the right pressure, otherwise, and without warning, he is likely to collapse at his controls.

If he is bombing, it may be his responsibility to sight the target they are attacking, and either drop the bombs himself or give the instructions to one of his crew.

If he is fighting, he must control his own forward-firing guns, sighting them through a ring-sight before his face, and remembering to manoeuvre into every possible position to give his rear gunner a chance to get in bursts of fire whenever possible.

HE must dodge anti-aircraft shells, never get lost, look for cloud cover that may shield him from attack, and last of all, in the event of disaster, he must give every member of his crew the chance to get away before he himself leaps.

A job for a he-man; much more a job for a man of real intelligence and cool reasoning.

A year ago, after he stepped from the simple plane in which he had made his first solo flight, he probably told himself that, though he had mastered the first step, he would never have the nerve to fly one of those vast £20,000-or-more death-carriers.

But he has.

NAVAL CONTROL

By Admiral Sir R. Bacon

ONE of the most important factors in the successful waging of war is the exercise of common sense. Closely allied to this is the necessity for all services and individuals to subordinate both personal and corporate considerations to the furtherance of the war.

During my period of command of the Dover Patrol in the Great War the advisability of concentrating all the coastal defences under one single head became indelibly stamped on my mind.

The situation at Dover so far as coastal defence was concerned became almost impossible. The gun defences were under military control, the gunners had had no practical training in the recognition of the differences between our own and enemy vessels. The fishermen who manned our trawlers and drifters were unaccustomed to paying meticulous attention to the written orders, so that it was more by good fortune than anything else that regrettable incidents were avoided.

I QUOTE this old experience to show the evils of divided command. The common-sense solution of the impasse was to put the batteries under my orders; not because I was an Admiral, or wished to grab units under the command of some other authority, but because I and my chief of the staff were the only persons at Dover who possessed accurate knowledge as to when an enemy's vessel might or might not be expected, and also the general disposition of our own vessels.

So far as the air service was concerned, the whole of the air force at Dover and Dunkirk was under my command, with the result that everything went like clockwork. The aeroplanes and seaplanes worked with the monitors when we bombarded the dockyard at Ostend or the locks at Zeebrugge.

The pilots and their commanding officer came over to Dover when necessary, and I explained to them exactly what I proposed to do and what I wished them to do. Consequently there was never any doubt on their part, nor had the orders to be transmitted through a third party, to the saving of one portion of our avoidance of possible errors and confusion.

The question of supply and maintenance of the coastal aircraft is a separate matter. To tamper with existing arrangements might well, in war-time, lead to confusion, but there can be no tactical reason why, as was the case at Dover, the coastal aircraft should not be under the control of the man who has direct knowledge of the position and work of the surface and submarine craft.

IN the present war coastal protection has been complicated by seaplanes laying parachute mines. This intensifies the necessity for a close relationship between the patrolling aircraft and the minesweeping organisation. Lastly, the hour is fast approaching when Germany will hurl a volcanic attack of aeroplanes, seaplanes, mining craft and surface craft in one intensive week of attempted destruction and demoralisation of our defences. Heaven help our coastal defence if it falls between the stools of divided control. Obviously there can be no tactical or strategic reason for divorcing the coastal aircraft from the naval command. If so, why do so? I fear it looks very like the old story of the emperors' clothes. One portion of our armed forces being offended and a dislike of a command being curtailed.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I think the old bear is weakening! He used to give me five seconds to get out—now he gives me ten!"

Mr. Churchill Reveals Navy's Preparations In Striking Speech FIGHTING THE MAGNETIC MINE: HEAVY TOLL TAKEN OF U-BOATS

NEUTRAL PRESS CRITICISED IN FORCEFUL SPEECH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The powerfully reinforced British Navy is ready to "beat down" all Nazi attacks, declared Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons to-day, when he also hinted that Britain might take a sterner stand towards neutral European nations.

Almost in the same breath he announced additions to the Fleet designed to resist aerial and U-boat attacks.

He admitted that Scapa Flow has been abandoned as a naval base, presumably owing to the uncertainty of its protection, despite its strategic and other values.

He admitted that the old "wonder ship" H.M.S. Nelson (33,050 tons), which was built in 1925, has been damaged by a mine.

However, she reached port under her own power and will shortly rejoin the fleet, he declared.

Vast Confidence
The First Lord's speech was one of vast confidence. It detailed the great efforts being made to build up the British Navy to defeat the newer and greater German attacks on Britain's sea power which are expected soon.

The speech emphasised the British determination to carry on the war against Nazi leadership. It continually expressed confidence in victory—at a time when Mr. Welles is preparing to confer with Hitler in Berlin this week.

New Battleships
Mr. Churchill put emphasis on the new battleships which will soon join the fleet and said the Allied blockade is working satisfactorily.

"The Straits of Dover are closed and sealed, and the Northern Patrol is being maintained by a strongly supported cordon from Scotland to Greenland," he said.

He explained that the blockade could be tightened still further but that Britain desired to "strike a balance" and not to harm friendly neutrals.

Lost Over 35 U-Boats
He said Germany had lost half of her 70 U-boats by the end of December and expressed the opinion that they are able to build ten new U-boats in three months.

Britain, he said, has started building a large number of naval craft designed to destroy U-boats faster than they can be constructed.

He added that the Admiralty has issued "thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes" to the British merchant and fishing fleets for protection against attacks from German planes.

In addition, immense preparations have been made to meet Nazi attacks at sea, and Britain "now sees its way of mastering the German system of laying magnetic mines."

In conclusion, Mr. Churchill said Britain expects "perhaps in the near future further and greater attacks on British sea power."

Churchill For Churchill
LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was received with cheers when he rose to speak on the Naval Estimates.

"I come on behalf of the Navy," he said, "to ask for a few men, some ships and a little money (laughter) to enable them to carry on their work."

Mr. Churchill's reference to money referred to £100 million grant representing an amount running into many millions but which is undeniably Mr. Churchill's estimate. "There has grown up a much wider comprehension of the certainty that mistakes will be made both at Whitehall and on the sea water and that however hard we try the painful drain of losses will be sustained."

"This will only make us more zealous to discharge our task and to give satisfaction and win approval by producing good results."

Not Expedient
"I regret it is not expedient to give the House the precise facts and figures regarding the proposed strength and cost of the Navy; there is no need to tell the enemy more than is good for him about what we are doing" (laughter).

Mr. Churchill said that by the end of 1939, Germany had lost from all causes, at least half their U-boats, namely 35. He doubted very much whether even ten fresh U-boats came into action in that period.

In the last two days, he said, there had been one certain and two almost certain U-boat sinkings.

Clear Warning
Mr. Churchill said, "So far the Navy has borne the main weight of the war. If at any time in the future it becomes apparent that we have got the upper hand in an even more marked and decisive form than at present, I shall be the first to propose a review of our resources and requirements; but attacks will be delivered upon our seapower, by which we live on and which we all depend on, on a greater scale than anything which we have so far beaten back or beaten down."

Referring to the U-boat campaign, Mr. Churchill said: "I was in error



MR. CHURCHILL

able to descend to any new level of cruelty and disgrace.

"I suppose the House realises that Hitler and his Nazis have quite definitely exceeded the worst villainies which Imperial Germany committed during the last war, (cheers)."

"One of the most extraordinary things I have ever known in my experience is the way in which the German illegals, atrocities and brutalities are coming to be accepted as if they were part of the ordinary day to day conditions of war (cheers)."

Criticises Neutral Press
"Why does the neutral press make more fuss when I make a speech telling them what is their duty than they have done when hundreds of their ships have been sunk (cheers) and over a thousand of their sailors have been drowned or murdered—that is the right word—in the open sea?"

"Apparently, according to the present doctrine of the neutral states probably endorsed by the Government, Germany is to gain one set of advantages by breaking all the rules and committing foul outrages and then go on and gain another set of advantages through insisting, when ever it suits her, upon the widest interpretation of the International Code she has torn to pieces."

"It is not at all odd that His Majesty's Government is getting rather tired of it. (cheers)."

Getting Tired Of It
"I am getting rather tired of it myself (laughter). For my part I can see without hesitation that in the interpretation of the rules and conventions affecting neutrals, humanity rather than legal pedantry must be our chief guide (cheers) and judging from the Almirante episode this seems to be the opinion not only of the British nation but of the civilised world."

Referring to battleships, Mr. Churchill said, "If we had not got at the present time an unquestionable superiority in battleships, Germany's heavy cruisers would come out into the Atlantic Ocean and, without fear of being brought to account, would be able to obstruct, if not to arrest, the whole of the enormous trade without which we could not live (cheers)."

"They might make temporary bases in different quarters of the globe and they might establish themselves in positions where we could have no means whatever of attacking them."

"In this way they would soon bring about our mortal ruin."

Ready For Anything
"Happily we have a far greater strength in capital ships than the enemy and if at any time they break out as they may do we are always ready to meet them with much larger forces and bring them to battle and destroy them as we did in the isolated case of the Graf Spee."

Without a superior battle fleet we could not exercise any command of the sea nor even keep ourselves alive with food."

Recalling that during the last war Britain had to keep always ready 30 to 40 battleships with attendant squadrons and flotillas to fight a main battle at any time, Mr. Churchill said, "Now this preparation has been diminished. The enemy have only two really big ships and cannot attempt to form a line of battle."

"We have at least three if not four lines of battle not one of which the enemy could face in an engagement."

"Therefore we are able to dispose of our ships much more widely and, at the same time, to keep ample forces always at sea ready to engage the enemy's principal vessels should they present themselves."

"Upon this fact depends the whole of our sea control."

Better Equipped
Mr. Churchill mentioned that the new warships which Britain was building were capable of standing up to air bombing and were far better adapted to under water explosions than anything they had in the past."

Mr. Churchill declared that he did not wish to raise any undue apprehensions about the strength of existing ships.

He announced that H.M.S. Barham, an old ship which had stood up well to torpedoes, would soon be repaired and ready for sea and that H.M.S. Nelson, a modern ship but neverthe-

less fifteen years old, had been damaged by a magnetic mine but would soon be rejoining the Fleet.

"This secret of which many thousands of people were necessarily aware was very well kept," Mr. Churchill observed amidst laughter, "and has only just leaked out into Germany after it has ceased to have any importance."

"Apart from H.M.S. Royal Oak and H.M.S. Courageous no other large ships have been damaged or sunk since the outbreak of war during the very difficult winter months," he said.

Referring to the fact that the ships both great and small had been at sea more continuously than was ever done or dreamed of in any previous war since the introduction of steam, Mr. Churchill said that since H.M.S. Royal Oak was sunk we had not used Scapa Flow which was, of course, our best strategic base.

Glowing Tribute
Mr. Churchill paid a glowing tribute to the engineering branch of the Royal Navy for the fact that even ships with old engines had steamed 90 days or more out of the first 110 days of war.

There was, added Mr. Churchill, very little doubt that the whole of the North Sea system of contraband control would become, for more efficient as the forces increased and the long nights turned into long days and as the summer weather enabled amphibious aircraft to range constantly over the whole area.

There would be no difficulty from a naval point of view in making the blockade more severe but no one could neglect the serious character of political decisions which were dictated by relations with foreign countries.

A balance had to be struck between the full efficiency of the naval control and the hardship it might inflict on friendly neutrals.

After the first six months of war, he said, we lost 63,000 tons of warships or about half the losses of the first months of the last war.

We had lost on a balance of gain and losses less than 200,000 tons of merchant shipping out of a total of 2,000,000 tons. This could be compared with 450,000 tons in a single day of the deadly month of April 1917. We had captured more cargoes in tonnage destined for the enemy than we had lost, he concluded.

French Sink U-Boat
PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the torpedo boat, Simoun, sank a U-boat off Cape Finistère.

Navy Votes Passed
LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The House of Commons has agreed to the Navy votes for men and money.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1890.
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25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1915.
America's famous inventor, Mr. Edison, has just given his impressions of the war to a New York correspondent. "The Germans," he said, "are a great people commercially, industrially, agriculturally, but they have been brought up in an atmosphere of egotism. Everything in the country has been subordinated to the military caste, and I think this system is ended the better for the German people."

The King has instituted a new Decoration entitled "The Military Cross." It consists of a Cross of silver bearing on each arm the Imperial Crown and bearing in the centre the letters G.R.I. It is ordained that no person shall be eligible for this Decoration nor be nominated thereto unless he is a Captain, a Commissioned Officer of a lower grade, or a Warrant Officer in the Army, or the Indian or Colonial Military Forces.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1930.
To mark the 80th birthday of President Masaryk which occurs on March 7, the Czech Parliament has voted him a personal gift of over \$120,000. President Masaryk was the son of a coachman and started life as an employee of a Vienna locksmith. He is the first President of the Republic.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1935.
The U. S. Navy Department has disclosed that Pan-American Airways has asked for permission to use Midway and Wake Islands, in the Hawaiian group, and near the Canal, for experimental trans-Pacific flight bases.

Foreign Planes Over Holland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
THE HAGUE, Feb. 27 (UP).—It is officially announced here that aeroplanes of an unidentified nationality were observed last night along the coast near Amsterdam and Utrecht.

Anti-aircraft guns fired on the planes several times.

Northern Chinese Denounce Wang Ching-wei

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Feb. 28 (UP).—Although they are functioning far behind the front lines in "Japanese occupied territory," the Provincial Governments of Chahar and Hopei have found time in order to radio the Central Government in Chungking, denouncing Wang Ching-wei.

Despite the efforts of the Japanese in these and other occupied territories to suppress the Provincial Governments, they are actually functioning in all provinces.

Efficient Government
The centre of provincial government may at times appear a mystery, but the archives are still jealously preserved and, like Juarez in the Mexican revolt against France, are moved from town to town in order to escape the attentions of the Japanese.

Chungking officials, in announcing receipt of the messages from the two Provincial governments, recall that they are functioning at almost the same degree of efficiency as the central Government in Chungking.

The people in the occupied territory still give their allegiance to the loyal provincial governments, despite the setting up of Japanese puppet administrations.

COLOMBO CRISIS

Ceylon Ministers
Resign En Bloc

COLOMBO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—All six Ceylon ministers resigned this evening.

The sudden crisis was precipitated by the Governor's decision in connection with the difference which has arisen between the Home Minister, Sir Baron Jayatilaka, and the Inspector General of Police, Mr. P. N. Banks, regarding the carrying out of the State Council's decision to postpone certain criminal proceedings.

Labour Trouble
The difference originally developed from labour trouble in an up-country estate on January 10 which led to the institution of proceedings against the rioters on the one hand, and the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into alleged shooting by the Police on the other.

The Home Minister subsequently protested to the Governor that Mr. Banks had not carried out "instructions" to postpone the cases pending the Commission's report as decided by the State Council.

Governor's Decision
The Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, formerly Governor of Hongkong, though regretting that Mr. Banks had not "worded his letter more happily" to the Minister, did not think that there had been insubordination as alleged.

He also pointed out the statutory responsibility imposed on the Police and doubted the propriety of the procedure adopted by the Home Minister.

The Minister maintains that the question goes to the root of the Donoughmore Constitution.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 28, (UP).—Kornit Roosevelt, the son of the late President Theodore Roosevelt of the U.S., is reported to be en route to Finland.

It is stated that he has offered his services with the British Volunteer Army in Finland.

On the outbreak of war in Europe, Mr. Roosevelt immediately left the United States in order to offer his services to the British Government. He has been employed in London on important departmental work.

Senator's Wife Seeks Divorce

25-Year-Old Marriage
On The Rocks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Mrs. Gerald P. Nye, has disclosed that her attorneys were instituting divorce proceedings against Senator Nye.

She refuses to discuss the grounds upon which she is basing her appeal. Senator and Mrs. Nye, formerly Miss Anna Margaret Munch, were married in 1915, when Senator Nye was editor and manager of the "Daily Plain Dealer."

They have three children, Marjorie, Robert and James. He intended to apply for British naturalisation papers. He was born in New York in 1889 and has spent most of his time since in big game hunting and exploration work. He is the author of several well-known books.

Fought In Great War

In the last war, Mr. Roosevelt served with the British Army as a captain in the Motor Machine Gun Corps, and fought in Palestine.

It was recently reported that he

THOSE "MISERABLE" GOLF CLUBS

GREAT FEATS WITH BROKEN DOWN PUTTERS RECALLED

If past history can be relied upon, it would seem that expensive putters have not always inspired their wielders with confidence, writes L. B. Stanley in "The Field." Often the contrary has proved to be the case. Time and again, for instance, we find that an armoury of the finest matched clubs includes a rusty old hickory putter whose days of active service look as if they had ended with the guttie ball.

The presence of this ugly duckling is interesting. It shows how men who base their play upon the strictest scientific lines sometimes become almost superstitious in this most vital department of the game.

Here is an example. While part in the winning of two national titles, the Dollymount Club noticed a small figure on the home green practising hard at putting. It proved to be Paddy Mahon who not so very long ago was listed with the second best average of the British professionals. This intensive activity, I was informed, was due to recent indifferent performances on the greens.

Mahon confirmed this later. He declared that his putting touch seemed temporarily to desert him, but he had at last found a cure; he had changed his putter. Upon handling the club in question my first impressions were that it might be used for almost anything except putting. The grip had gone and the shaft was hopelessly warped, yet Mahon used this club throughout a later championship and undeniably recaptured his cunning on the greens. Truly, faith is a wonderful thing.

BOUGHT FROM CADDY

A similar case occurred at Troon last year. I was talking to Charles Yates, the eventual winner of the championship, and observed that his putter looked somewhat the worse for wear. He agreed, and went on to say that it had belonged to a friend who had died three years before. He had left his club to his caddy, but Yates had bought the putter for one dollar and a quarter. An invaluable investment, so he declared, as through it he had gained Walker Cup recognition. No idle claim, for this battered club played a decisive

Many instances come to mind of players experimenting with strange putters just before a major championship, liking the feel of the club and using it with evident success in the actual event. The final of what is regarded as the P.G.A. Match-play Championship at Stoke Poges two years ago between James Adams and Percy Alliss was one of these occasions.

LIKE A MAN BEWITCHED

Putting has never been the strongest feature of Alliss's game, yet in this tournament he charmed the ball into the hole like a man bewitched. Nothing was too difficult, and every putt was struck with deadly accuracy. The secret of this phenomenal display was simple. Just before the event Alliss borrowed quite an ordinary putter from the Secretary and obtained such remarkable results with it on the greens that, christening it "Black Magic," he "putted" his way to victory.

This putter, however, is not the first to have inspired Alliss; in fact, I should think he must have quite a collection by now. I remember him showing me a putter in the Open of the previous year which he was confident would solve all his problems. In appearance it bore a distinct resemblance to Mahon's club, but was, if anything, one degree worse. The clubhead was loose and, when it came into contact with the ball, emitted a disturbing cracked sound. Most golfers would have hesitated to have used it at all, yet Alliss contrived to wield it through-out that championship.

Macao Interport Hockey Team

The Macao Hockey Club have selected the following to meet Hongkong in the Interport hockey match on Sunday, March 24:

C. C. Almada; R. Rosario and L. Costa (Capt.); J. Nolasco, Alex. Alrosa and J. Santos Ferreira; Fred Nolasco, Alberto Alrosa, Pedro Angelo, R. Angelo and A. Angelo. Reserves — A. Basto, M. Soares, G. Silva and J. T. Silva.

Seven-A-Side Rugger Tournament

Entries for the annual Rugby Football Seven-a-side Tournament are now coming in and it is anticipated that 20 teams will compete of whom about 10 will represent various Army Units.

The Royal Navy are not at their usual numerical strength this year, but will be able to enter at least two good teams. Other teams will be drawn from Hongkong Police, who are the present holders of the Trophy, R.N.V.R., Civil Service, R.A.F., Hongkong Bank, Butterfield and Swire and Rest of the Club.

The tournament will be held as usual on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, the preliminary rounds being played on Monday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13, at 4.30 p.m., and the final on Saturday, March 16.

Proceeds this year will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund, and it is hoped that there will be more than the usual strong support for the Tournament, on this account.

His Excellency the Governor is giving his support to the Tournament and will be present at the final, and has kindly consented to present to the winning team the Blarney Stone Shield, the trophy for which the tournament is played.

Lightweights Livened British Boxing In 1939

Not many years have produced so few British championship contests as 1939. The best boxing was provided by the lightweights.

Big tournament met with mixed financial success. The Harvey-McAvoy and Phillips-Doyle bill at White City drew the largest crowd ever known at a boxing show in England. At the other extreme failure of John Henry Lewis to defend his world light-heavyweight title cost Wembley a lot of money.

This Week's Football Fixtures

Following is the League football programme for this week:

To-Day

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v Engineers (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

S. China "A" v Middlesex (Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)
Royal Scots v Kwong Wah (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Road, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Club v 8th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

International v Royal Scots (Military, 4.30 p.m.)
24th R.A. v R.A.S.C. (St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)
12th R.A. v (Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)
5th R.A. v Kumoons (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)
South China v Electric (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)
Signals v R.A.M.C. (Military, 3 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

S. China "B" v Kowloon (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Club v Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

South China v Engineers (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

Tennis

DRAW FOR COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

The draw for the Colony tennis championships, organized by the Hongkong Cricket Club, was made yesterday and resulted as follows:

OPEN SINGLES

Byes into second round—S. A. Rumjahn v B. C. Fay; P. S. Leong v S. A. Gray; Kwok Hing-chung v O. Rumjahn; Lam Kwan v J. W. Leonard; H. D. Rumjahn v Firdos Khan.
First round—Marland Ma v E. Zulaut; H. Y. Ho v A. R. Kitchell; Paul Kong v H. J. S. Theobald; W. C. Hung v T. C. Chan; S. A. Hussein v Chan Kwan-tai; Ben Louie v O. Umetani; Paul Yan-pui v T. J. Gould; J. L. C. Pearce v Peter Ling; T. A. Pearce v Donald A. Ferguson; R. O. Brier v J. H. Turner; Y. C. Lau v Wei Chung.
Byes into second round—M. Pecht; Tennis Kwok v M. A. Razack; A. Crawford v I. Koon-hung; Pang Ol-lam v Lee Hui-keek; Leung Ping-chiu v J. Gonzales; I. Aguilera v Paul Wal-pui.

OPEN DOUBLES

Byes into second round—Paul Wal-pui and Paul Yan-pui v S. A. Hussein and O. Rumjahn; Lew Shing-cheung and Ip Koon-hung v A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack.
First round—T. and B. Aguilera v Wong Fook-nam and Lam Kwan; Wong Hok-nang and Lee Chi-man v T. C. Chan and T. J. Gould; J. Gonzales and A. V. Remedios v Ng Kam-chuen and Paul Ping-fan; Paul Kong and B. Szeto v Ho Ka-lan and Lee Yue-wing; E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v A. Chan and J. Han; Kwok Hing-chung and Lui Kwai-tan v C. H. R. Hyde and J. V. Ferguson; T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v T. C. Chan and Marland Ma; F. H. Kwok and S. W. Ling v H. J. S. Theobald and S. Gerard.
Byes into second round—Pang Ol-lam and Leung Ping-chiu v J. L. C. Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet; Lee Hui-keek and J. Leonard v S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

Kowloon Junior School Annual Sports

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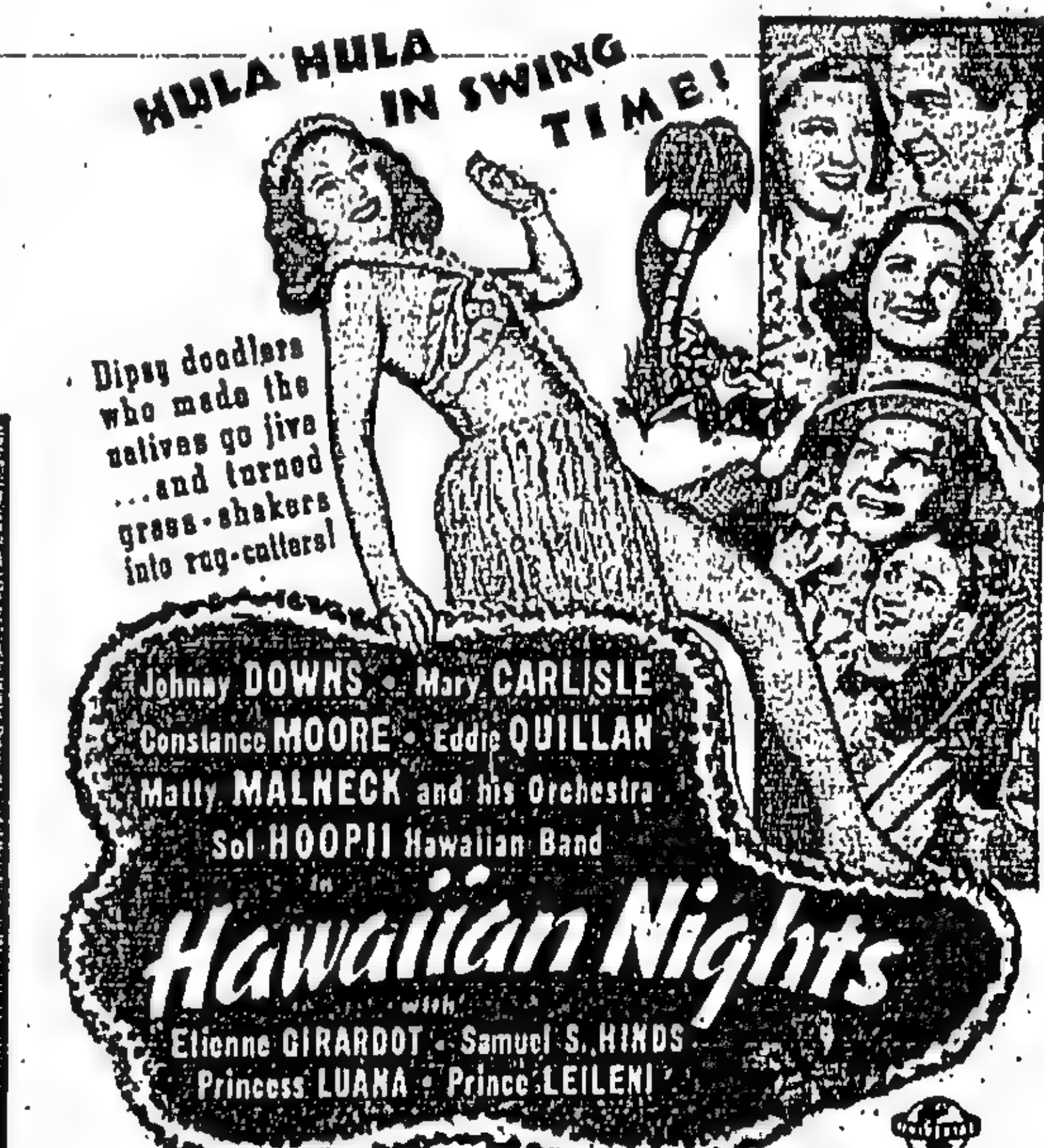


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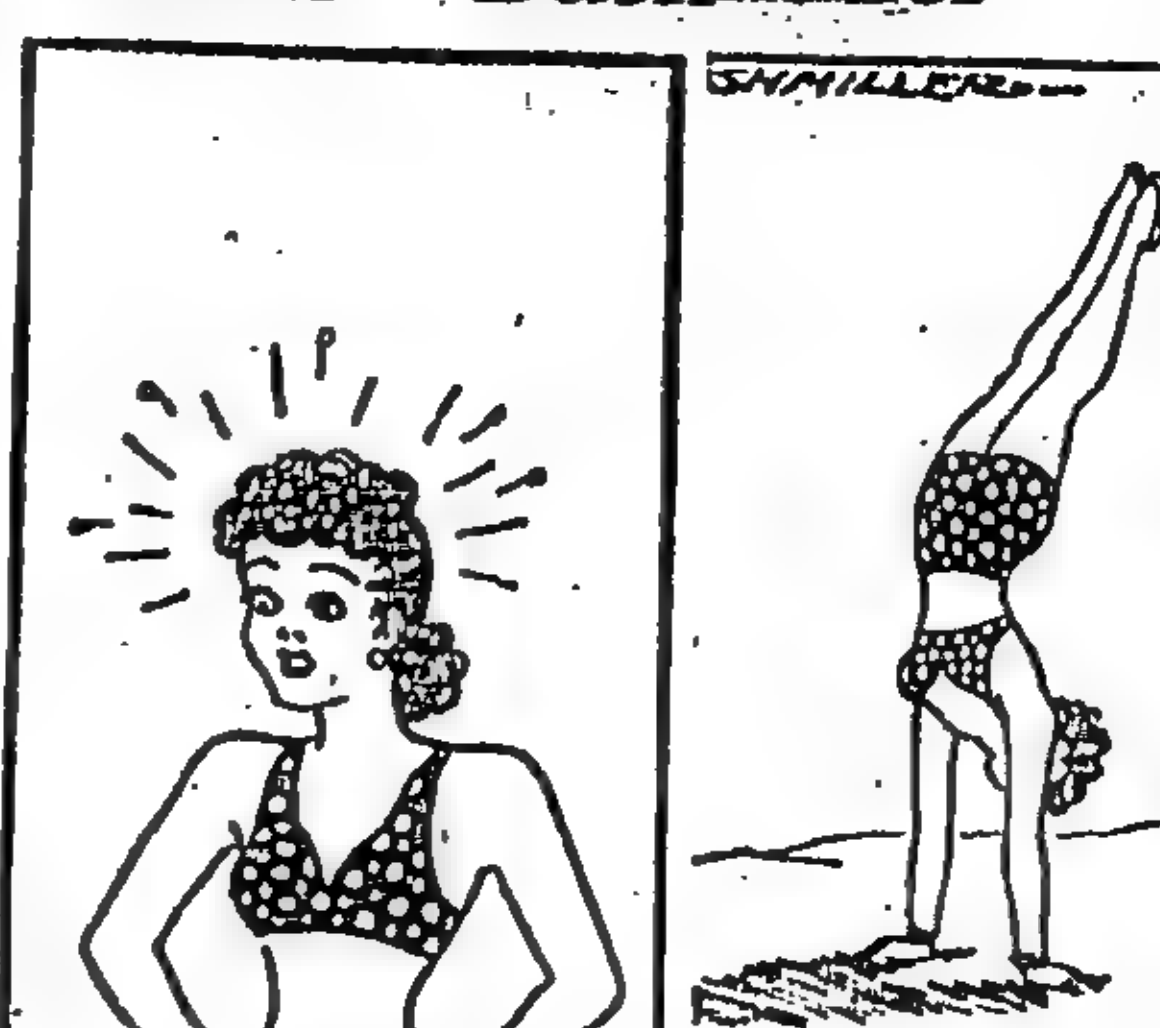
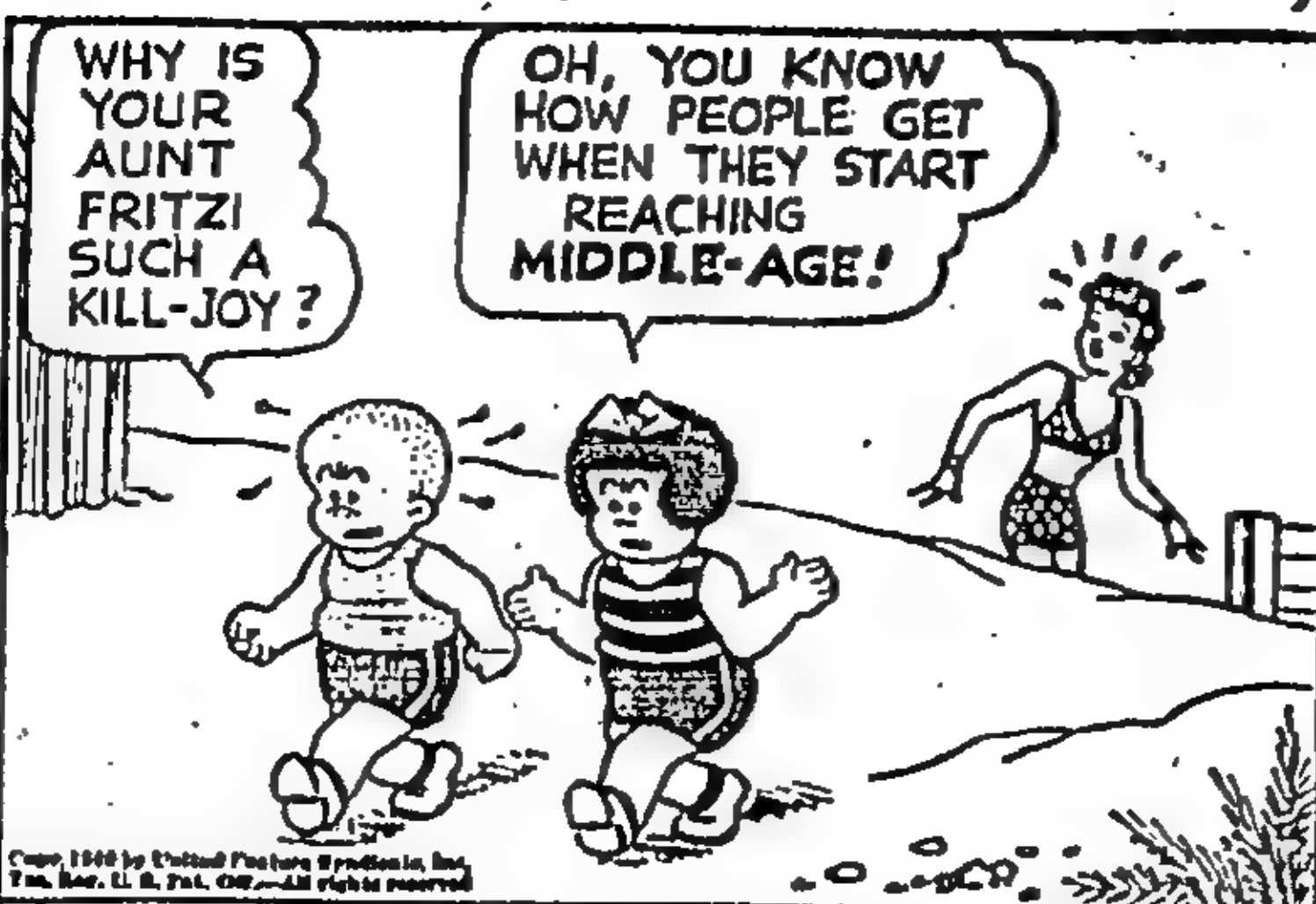
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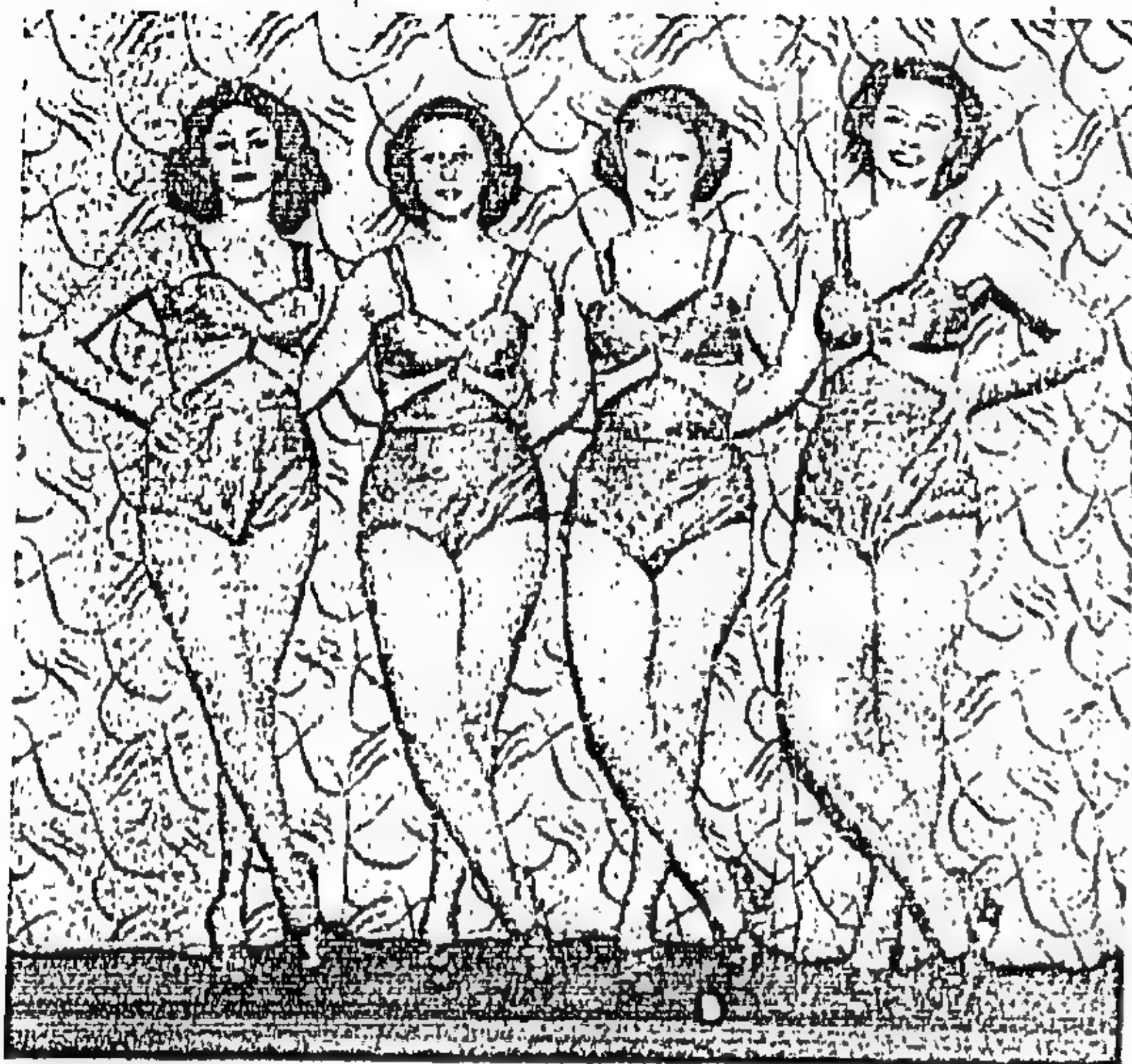
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America Faces Possible Economic Retaliation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuters). — Economic retaliation attempt by the United States buy farm products as well as in the United States, stated Mr. Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, speaking at the Finance Committee of the Senate.

The question arose after Senator La Follette had insisted that the United States should try to counteract the agreements between belligerents and neutrals which were adversely affecting United States trade. He cited the Anglo-Turkish Tobacco Agreement as an example.

Deepest Resentment

Senator Barkley asked Mr. Wallace what results might follow an American effort to force England and France to buy tobacco from the United States in order to obtain United States planes and other war equipment required.

Mr. Wallace replied: "Undoubtedly there will be the deepest resentment against us and deep distrust of us."

He added that Congress should continue its reciprocal trade programme for use as a "valuable foundation stone for the reconstruction of world trade in future."

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Nazi A.A. Defences Do Not Stop Our Men

R.A.F. ENCOUNTERS "FLAMING ONIONS"

BRILLIANT FLIGHT

R.A.F. Survey Behind Siegfried Line

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuters). — A British sergeant-pilot and his observer have been congratulated at B.E.F. Headquarters for what is called an exceptionally brilliant reconnaissance.

An R.A.F. machine flew through a cloudless sky over Germany for over two and a half hours. They sighted no German planes in the air and encountered no anti-aircraft fire.

Not Challenged

For 20 minutes they cruised above a camouflaged aerodrome behind the Siegfried Line, taking photographs of Messerschmitt fighters on the ground. Not a single German fighter took off.

The plane then flew over a big railway depot which, to use the sergeant-pilot's own words, they knew was still with anti-aircraft guns. Not a single gun fired at them although they flew around the depot for almost an hour.

They came back to their base when they had used up all their film.

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Right To Sink Anything, Claim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Feb. 28 (UP). — The German Government has claimed the "theoretical right" to sink any neutral ships which obtain a navigation certificate from a British Consul in any neutral port.

The right to sink such shipping is reserved, it is stated in authoritative circles, even if the vessel is en route from one neutral port to another without touching at a belligerent port.

Defining this attitude a spokesman states that neutral vessels submit themselves to the Allied contraband control when they give British Consular officials details of their cargo, just as much as when they enter a British controlled port.

The Germans weaken their argument somewhat by declaring: "We will break the British blockade one way or another."

FORGED LETTER CRIME

Man Sentenced To Five Years' Hard Labour

"If you had committed that offence in your own country, you would undoubtedly have been shot. Fortunately for you, English law is more merciful," said Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions this morning, after Ho Ming had been convicted on charges of receiving stolen letters, uttering a forged document, and demanding money on a forged document.

Ho was sentenced to two years' hard labour on the first count, and three years' hard labour on the second, the terms to run consecutively. A concurrent sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed on the third count.

On a charge of stealing three letters, Ho was found not guilty. The Jury comprised Messrs. F. A. Lowe (foreman), E. Allway, Lee Chan-kee, George Bong Wu, K. H. Subhani, Mark Kei-chen and Wong Long-ying.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Sgt. D. G. Macpherson.

Too Busy To Attend

A young woman, Chiu Wal-chun, was asked by His Lordship this morning to explain her failure to turn up in Court yesterday to give evidence. He pointed out that she had by her failure rendered herself liable to a fine of \$250.

The woman explained she was private secretary to someone, and had important business to attend to that necessitated her presence.

His Lordship told her not to let it happen again.

Chiu identified a letter produced in Court as addressed to her, but said she never received it.

Evidence of the discovery of certain documents in the cubicle of a flat in Oak Street which defendant said he occupied was given by Sgt. Macpherson.

Contents He Was Duped

Defendant declared he had been made duped of by a man named Mak Chi, who had told him he had received a letter from a relative in Manila. The letter requested Mak to collect some money from an address in Boundary Street, and Mak enlisted defendant's assistance. He said he had not seen the other letters produced in Court prior to his arrest. He agreed they were found in his cubicle, but said he did not know the parcel contained letters. Mak brought them to him, and had told him they were pawn tickets.

Merciful English Law

Before sentencing accused, His Lordship said: "Whether you were instigated into the crime by Mak Chi or not makes no difference at all. You were obviously ready to lend a hand in this deliberate swindle which involved the use of stolen letters and also involved the use of forgery. If

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters Special Correspondent With the R.A.F. in France). — R.A.F. long-distance bombers, which landed on a French aerodrome before dawn to-day after participating in the most important series of reconnaissance flights over Germany since the war began, ran the gauntlet of the whole German anti-aircraft defence with one exception.

Fighters were seen but they made no attempt to attack the raiders.

Over the heavily-fortified areas of Western Germany, four Messerschmitts were spotted at different points. The bombers were caught in the beams of multi-coloured search-lights. This activity was greatest over the Ruhr district.

Heavy A.A. Barrage

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered in the neighbourhood of Cologne and Dusseldorf. One section of the flight was under intense fire for some minutes and for another spell dodged spasmodic bursts.

"Flaming onions" (incendiary shells which in some cases were linked to chains designed to wrap themselves around the raiders and send them crashing to earth in flames) were discharged at the aircraft but they missed their mark.

One battery of four guns fired greenish coloured balls and elsewhere red orange fireballs were fired under the aircraft.

Nightmare Flight

This nightmare flight was one of several carried out. The series, announced by the Air Ministry this morning, constituted the fourth R.A.F. night survey of Germany in five days. The aircraft first visited Bockum, the base of mine-laying squadrons, after which they separated for two main objectives—Berlin and the Ruhr.

Leaflets and recognition flares were dropped on Berlin, where not a single searchlight came on, although the aircraft came down to a few thousand feet above such famous streets as the Unter den Linden and the Wilhelmstrasse to release their load.

Only one fighter was seen hereabouts but it did not attempt to join in combat with the raiders which were plainly visible in bright moonlight.

Leaflets On Cologne

More leaflets were dropped at Cologne.

Other towns crossed included Emden, Duisberg and Dortmund. The most important details were observed by the planes, and it is believed, by those which flew over the important seaports in north-west Germany and the Baltic.

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you committed that offence in your own country, you would undoubtedly have been shot. Fortunately for you, English law is more merciful."

Mr. Murphy produced a previous conviction against Ho in 1937 for attempted larceny of letters, and possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

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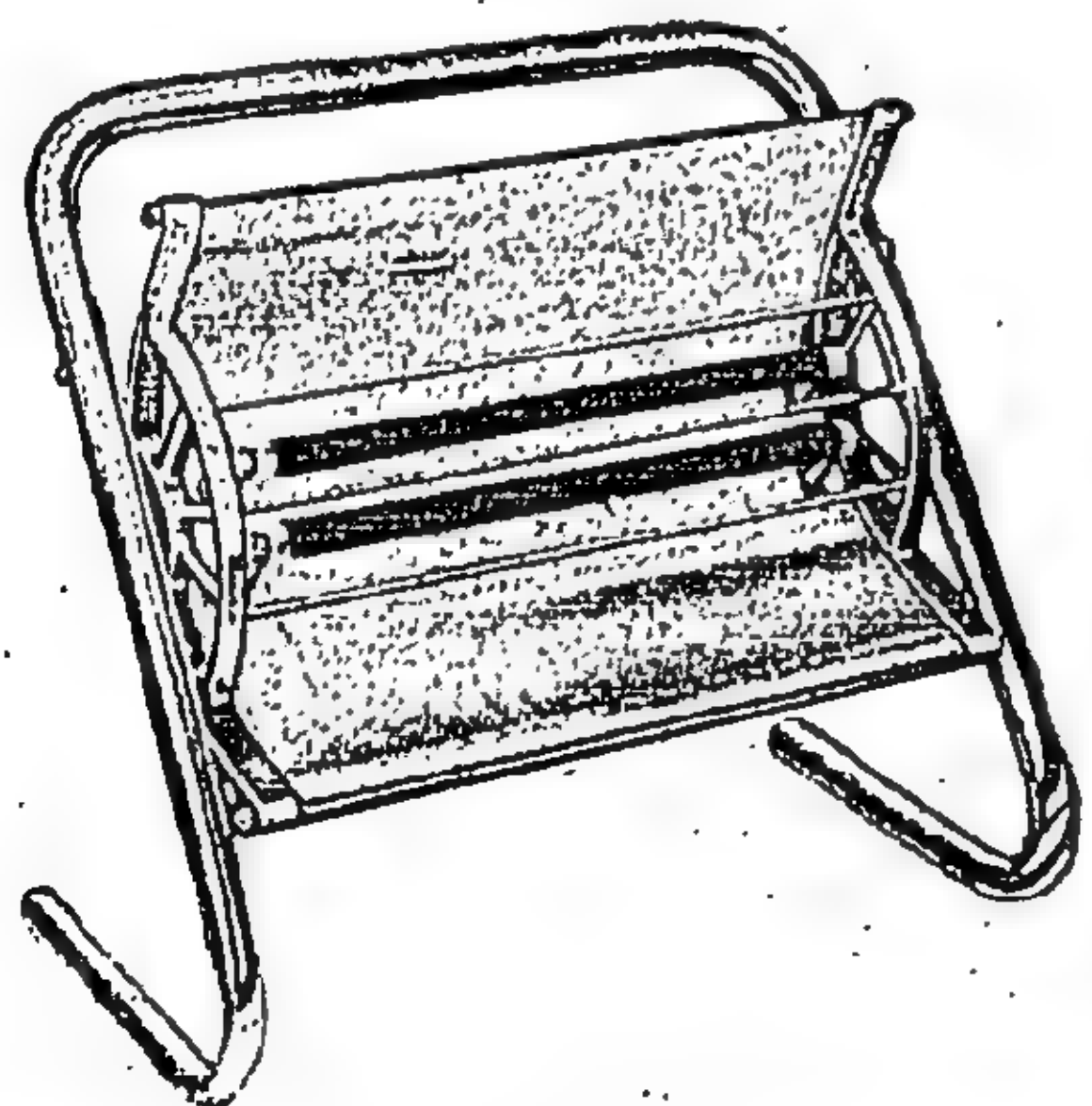
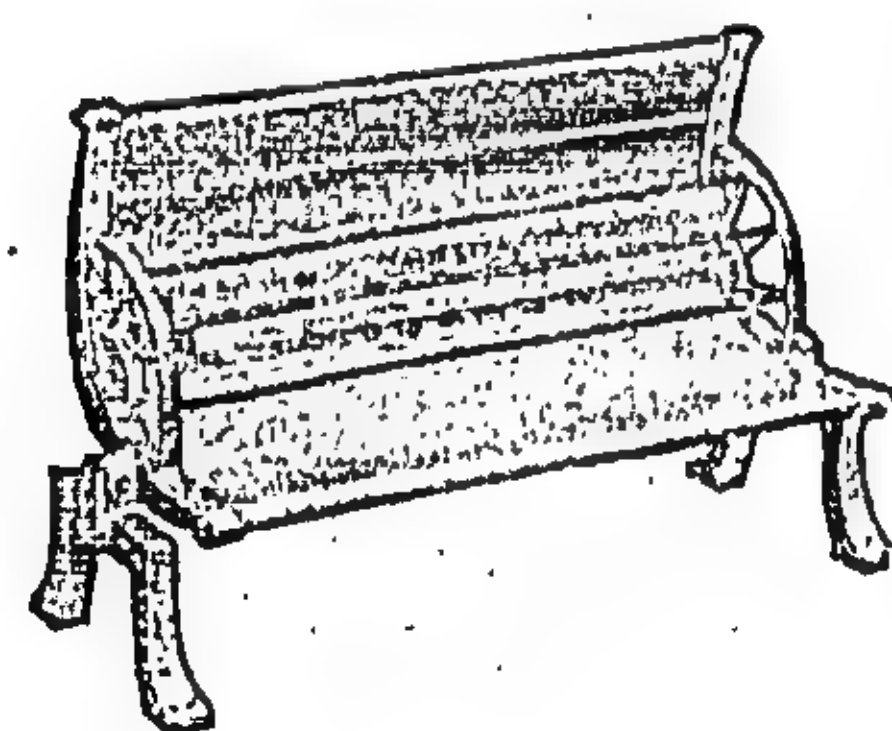
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BIG DRIVE ON VIBORG OPENS

FROM PAGE ONE

The Finns are to cross into Norwegian territory. The entire surrounding area has been evacuated of civilians by order of the Government.

Karelian Battle Rages

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—A communiqué states that west of the Karelian Isthmus the enemy continued his attacks but suffered heavy losses. The Finns have captured a number of arms and destroyed 18 tanks. North-east of Lake Ladoga, there was strong artillery activity in which the Finns destroyed three tanks and two armoured cars. In the direction of Petsamo, the enemy made several attacks. The Finns have transferred their lines to Nautil. Two tanks were destroyed. There was a successful ambush and activity by the Finns.

Viborg Holds Out

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The Soviets are still 27 miles from Viborg this morning. The Finns are holding their second line of defence despite terrific pressure. Southern Finland was bombed by Soviet planes on Monday but so far as is known only three people were killed. Helingsfors had four air raid alarms but no bombs were dropped.

Donation To Finns
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (UP).—A street car company to-day is donating the entire day's income to send as a donation to aid Finland.

Russians Repulsed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (UP).—To-day's official Finnish communiqué states that the Russians suffered heavy losses yesterday in their attacks on the Isthmus, particularly on the islands in the Bay of Viborg. Russian attacks were repulsed on the Somme, Nyytjärvi and Salmenkallio sectors where the Finns captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition and destroyed 18 tanks. Fighting in these sectors still continues.

Powerful Attacks Repelled

The Finns also repelled powerful Russian attacks at Taipale where heavy booty was captured. Fighting has been resumed at Kuhmo while at Petsamo the Finns have withdrawn to their defence positions at Nautil. There has been considerable aerial activity. The Finnish air force has been bombing Russian air bases and munitions dumps far behind the Russian lines.

It has been officially confirmed that seven Russian planes were shot down to-day.

Strategical Withdrawal

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 27 (UP).—Reports from Helsingfors to-day state that the Russian capture of Koivisto netted "only ruins without any military importance because the Finns dynamited all the fortifications and dragged off all their guns." The Finns lost no men during the retirement, which is described as "strategic," the report says.

New Danger To Finns

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—There is danger that the Finns may soon have another front to defend as a result of the Karelian Isthmus battle.

When they reach the tip of Koivisto Peninsula, the Russians will be only five miles from the main Finnish south coast near Saakkijärvi, which has been vacated by the civilian population.

The loss of the Koivisto fortress has opened up the way for such an advance.

Previously the Finnish batteries there had effectively checked any outflanking movement of this kind behind the Mannerheim Line.

Fate In Balance

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The fate of Viborg (Viborg) is in the balance.

Soviet pressure is being applied in the widest form possible in order to discover any weak points in the defences. The Finns are still standing firm and the Russians are stated to have suffered enormous losses of men and material.

Russian Claims

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué states that Soviet troops on the Karelian Isthmus are breaking through the enemy's fortified zone and have occupied 13 defensive fortifications.

Soviet planes have successfully bombed enemy troops and military objectives.

New Defence Lines

ROME, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—According to reports reaching Rome from Finland, Monday was quiet on the Karelian Isthmus.

Local attacks by the Soviets seemed designed to divert attention from the extensive arrangements being made at the rear for another big offensive. The Helsingfors correspondent of "Il Messaggero" reports that although the Finns had to retreat at Koivisto, they did so in perfect order and without loss of material. They suffered fewer casualties than did the Russians.

The new defence lines are holding well against terrific pressure, he says, and the Finnish armaments, especially artillery, are good and fairly copious.

B.W.O.F. Knitters

Knitters for the British War Organization Fund are earnestly requested to be kind enough to note the following: All articles in pairs should be securely sewn together at the ribbing end. It is particularly requested that scarves should not be fringed.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The easing off in prices noticed at the close yesterday was again in evidence to-day. However, in spite of this, business continues on a generous scale.

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Watsons	\$9.80

LATE NEWS

BRITISH NAVY MAY BLOCKADE VLADIVOSTOK

FROM PAGE ONE

British Government is on the verge of attempting to establish Contraband Control in two oceans.

H.K. As Contraband Control Base

It was recently suggested in London that Hongkong would become a British Contraband Control base if Britain decided to establish regular control in the Pacific.

Informed quarters have suggested that Britain will establish such Control in the Pacific the minute she feels it is justifiable and Hongkong is regarded as the most likely location.

Britain is thought to have been carefully watching the movements of cargoes en route to Germany via Vladivostok and the trans-Siberian railway.

Although Britain has no regular contraband control base anywhere in the Pacific, it is recalled that the Soviet steamer Selenga, which was en route from Manila to Vladivostok, was brought into Hongkong after having been intercepted near Formosa.

Governor's Suggestion

A recent "United Press" despatch from Manila stated that the Hongkong Governor had recently telegraphed the British Foreign Office, advising the establishment of branches of the Ministry of Economic Warfare in Hongkong, Shanghai and Singapore, for the purpose of controlling the export of war commodities to Russia.

Hongkong naval circles are also stated to have urged that strong representations be made to London for the establishment of a Contraband Control station in the British Colony, because of the increasing number of ships being chartered by Hongkong firms for trading with Vladivostok.

Exports From Hongkong

The "United Press" despatch claimed that Hongkong business firms recently chartered two former Norwegian vessels for the Vladivostok run and one of these ships recently returned to the British Colony in ballast after taking 60,000 chests of tea to Russia.

"Foreign trade advisers to the Chinese Government were understood to be urging Chungking to closely scrutinise existing agreements with Russia, since the latter was apparently taking advantage of the barter agreement in order to fulfil Soviet obligations under the Russo-German trade pact," the message stated.

Shipping circles in Manila state that two steamers recently left the Philippines capital with cargoes of copper ore, en route to Vladivostok.

Unmanifest Cargo

Man Fined For Bringing
\$61,000 Into Colony

Summoned for importing unmanifest cargo into the Colony on February 16, consisting of \$61,000 in Chinese National Currency, Lo Kun, of 179 Queen's Road Central, appeared before Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning and was fined \$200. The \$61,000 was returned to defendant.

Senior Revenue Officer Grimmit said Lo arrived in the Colony on the Kau Tung from Macao carrying the suitcase. When questioned regarding the contents, Lo said it had not been manifested, and was then taken to the Import and Export Office.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, for defendant, referred to a previous judgment by another Magistrate for a similar offence, and said he felt that it was very difficult for a man to feel that he was infringing the laws of Hongkong by bringing a suitcase with him in his cabin.

The only other point was the matter of penalty.

Defendants in previous Test cases were fined a dollar each.

TURKEY RECALLS ALL SHIPS AS EVENTS MOVE FAST IN BALKANS

FROM PAGE ONE

Last week fruitlessly attempted to obtain a new agreement with Rumania, under which Germany would have received a greater portion of Rumania's supply of raw materials. Rumania has subsequently banned the export of all goods except wheat and oil, and Germany's proportion of the latter is only small.

Dr. Ciodius was to have visited Bucharest for a second time to-day, in a new attempt to obtain revision of Rumania's exports in favour of Germany.

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Startling Revelations by Mr. Winston Churchill in House of Commons:
Scapa Flow Abandoned As Britain's Chief Naval Base

NELSON & BARHAM DAMAGED BY GERMAN MINE AND U-BOAT

Scapa Flow Abandoned As British Naval Anchorage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Admiralty has abandoned Scapa Flow as a naval base.

The great inland harbour off the northern coast of Scotland, which was believed impregnable to attack from the sea in the last war, will no longer provide refuge for British warships.

Decision to abandon the Base was made after a Nazi submarine succeeded in entering the land-locked harbour and torpedoing H.M.S. Royal Oak as she lay at anchor.

The announcement of the Admiralty's decision to withdraw warships from Scapa Flow was made by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons last night.

GRAVEYARD OF GERMAN NAVY

It is presumed that the decision was made by the Admiralty owing to the uncertainty of its value as protection for the fleet from either aerial or submarine attack.

Scapa Flow, in addition to providing the British Fleet with a safe anchorage in the last war, is the graveyard of the old Imperial German Navy. It was here that Germany first practised the art of scuttling.

DESTROYER RAMS SUB.

Another Serious
Nazi Loss

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Feb. 28 (UP).—The 1,319-ton French destroyer Simoun has rammed and sunk a German U-boat "somewhere off Cap Finistere."

The Simoun is a sister-ship of the destroyer Sirée, which has already sunk three submarines since the outbreak of war.

According to an official French Admiralty announcement, the Simoun was on patrol duty off Cap Finistere when she sighted the submarine.

Depth Charges Attack

The Nazi undersea craft was attacked by depth charges. "As the Simoun turned to launch a further attack, she saw the damaged U-boat rise to the surface near where the first depth charges had exploded," the communiqué adds.

"The Commander of the French destroyer ordered full speed ahead and rammed the enemy."

"As she sank, further depth charges were dropped."

"The action concluded with a trail of oil which gradually spread over the surface of the sea until it covered an area of approximately eight square miles."

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BRITAIN'S ARMADA

7 New Battleships
Being Built

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The British Navy will shortly be reinforced by seven of the most powerful battleships in the world.

All are nearing completion and, it is believed, one has already been commissioned.

Two of these battleships, the Lion and the Temeraire, will be bigger than the 42,000-ton battle cruiser Hood, which at present is the largest warship afloat.

16-in. Guns

They were both laid down early last year and are now being rushed to completion. They will probably be armed with 16-in. guns.

In addition to these two monsters, Mr. Winston Churchill has revealed in the House of Commons that five battleships of the King George V class are now nearing completion.

They are the King George V, the Anson, the Jellison, the Prince of Wales and the Beatty.

Each has a displacement of 35,000 tons—larger than either the Rodney or the Nelson. They will probably be equipped with ten 14-in. guns.

16-in. Armour Plating

It was officially announced that the designs of these ships would include enhanced defence against air attack, including an improved distribution of deck and side armour and more elaborate sub-division. Unofficial reports have placed the weight of armour as over 14,000 tons, with a waterline thickness of 10 inches.

All five ships were laid down in 1937, and two were launched before the outbreak of war in September last. It is believed that all five have now been launched. The original pre-war construction plans envisaged the commissioning of the King George V and Prince of Wales—the two ships launched before the outbreak of war—some time this year. The remaining three were to have been commissioned in 1941. Doubtless, this programme has been speeded up.

Very Small Losses

Against this total tonnage of 225,000 tons, which does not include the numerous cruisers, destroyers and other craft already commissioned since the outbreak of war, or the hundreds of thousands of tons under completion, Britain's total warship losses, including five destroyers, in the first six months of warfare has amounted to no more than 93,000 tons.

"This is only half the tonnage we lost in the first six months of the last war," said Mr. Churchill last night.

LOWER L.C.C. RATES

3d In Pound Decrease Recommended

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The London County Council will probably lower the rates next year.

The Council's Finance Committee has recommended a decrease of 3d. in the pound.

The rate paid in London will then be 7 shillings 3d. with an additional special rate of 3d.

The Council announces, however, that it will not be cutting down on social services nor will it give up the housing and other schemes put in hand before war broke out.

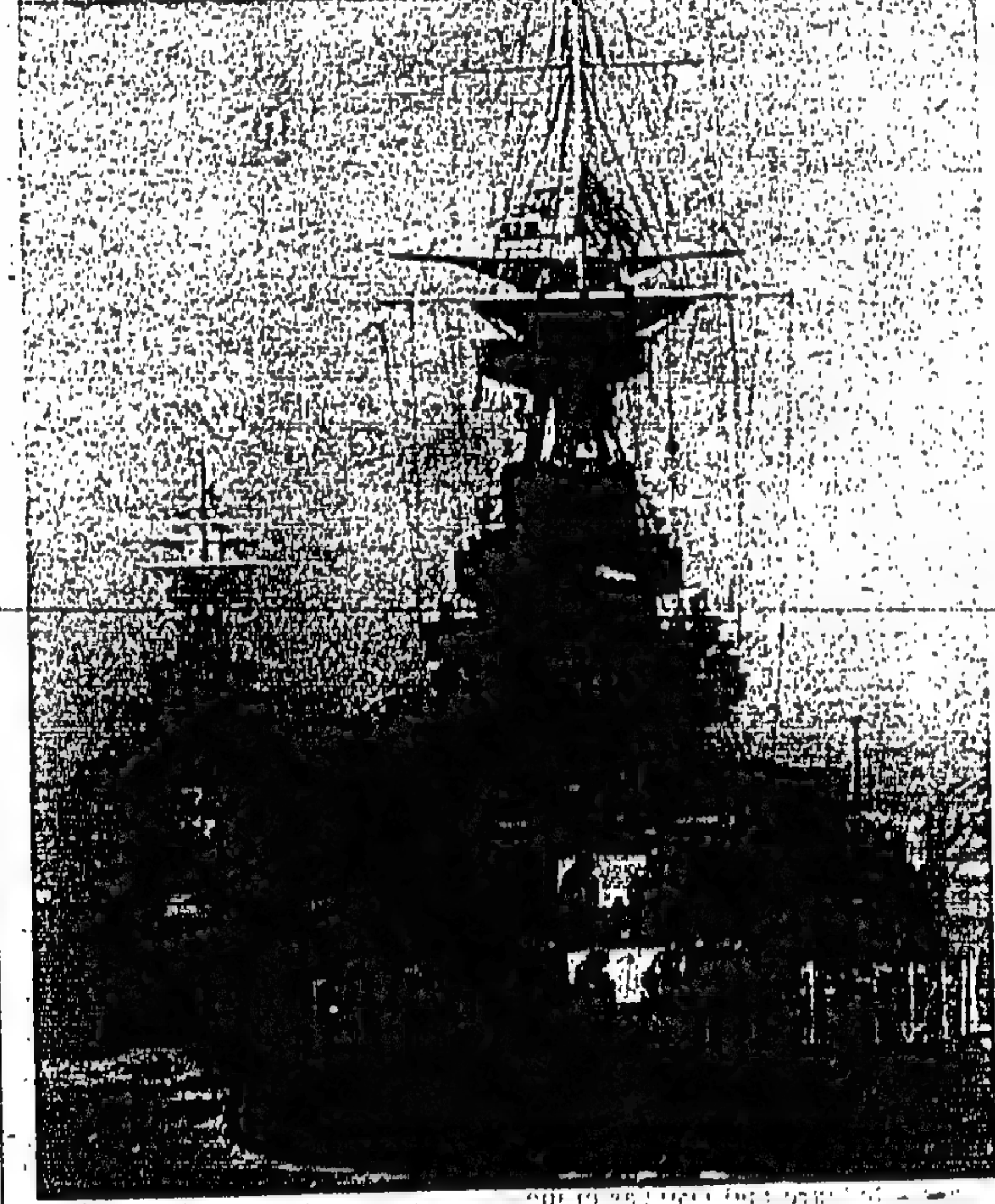
LONDON, FEB. 28 (UP).—THE REVELATION THAT TWO BIG BRITISH BATTLESHIPS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY MINE AND TORPEDO WAS MADE BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT.

THE 33,500-TON BATTLESHIP, H.M.S. NELSON, STRUCK A MINE IN THE NORTH SEA.

THE 31,100-TON BATTLESHIP H.M.S. BARHAM WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY A GERMAN U-BOAT.

Anti-mine and anti-submarine bulges on both battleships saved them from destruction and both were able to make port under their own power.

Apart from the Royal Oak and Courageous, these are the only big ships of the British Navy to have been damaged or sunk since the outbreak of the war.



H.M.S. NELSON

SOON TO REJOIN FLEET

The damage to these two powerful vessels was a secret in which to use Mr. Churchill's words, "many thousands of people were necessarily aware." It was so well-kept by dockyard and naval personnel, however, that it has only just leaked out in Germany, after it had ceased to have any importance.

Both H.M.S. Barham and H.M.S. Nelson are under repair and will be ready within a few days to rejoin the Fleet.

MAGNETIC MINE DAMAGES NELSON

Mr. Churchill revealed that the damage to H.M.S. Nelson was occasioned by a magnetic mine.

With her sister ship, H.M.S. Rodney, the Nelson is the most powerful warship afloat. Although smaller by 10,000 tons than the battle cruiser Hood, which is equipped with eight 16-in. guns, H.M.S. Nelson is equipped with nine 16-inch guns.

She is the newest battleship in the British Navy, not counting, of course, the seven new battleships of 35,000 tons which were either launched or under construction when war started six months ago, and one or two of which are believed to be already in commission.

The Nelson was launched in 1925. Barham served in the last war. H.M.S. Barham, whilst a powerful unit of the Fleet, is a much older vessel and served throughout the Great War.

She was launched in 1914 and commissioned early in the following year. Of 31,000 tons displacement, she is equipped with eight 15-inch guns, and is a sister ship to the Queen Elizabeth, Malaya and Valiant.

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Mr. Welles To Find Berlin Uncompromising

WHAT HITLER WILL DEMAND FOR PEACE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (Domei).—Informed Nazi political circles state that Herr Hitler will present an uncompromising attitude towards Mr. Sumner Welles when the U.S. Under Secretary of State arrives in Berlin on Friday.

It is believed that Hitler will announce to Mr. Sumner Welles that his minimum peace terms will be as follows:

1.—Complete hegemony for Germany on the European continent;

2.—The return of German colonies.

Hitler is expected to emphasise that Germany will not under any circumstances take the initiative in any movement for peace.

He is expected to refer to relations between the United States and Germany and to request Mr. Sumner Welles to inform the President that Germany expects the maintenance of strict neutrality on the part of America.

Welles Satisfied
Mr. Sumner Welles revealed in Rome to-day that he had not discussed the question of terminating hostilities with Signor Mussolini.

He said, however, that he was greatly satisfied at the results of his conversations with both Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano, and greatly appreciated the warm welcome accorded by the Italian Government and people.

Mr. Welles will leave Rome for Berlin at 12.05 p.m. on Wednesday.

In Berlin On Friday
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 28 (UP).—Mr. Welles leaves Rome for Berlin at noon to-day.

Britain To Buy Chilean Wool

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The "Dow Jones" agency states that the Chilean Consulate General in New York has announced that the Chilean Exchange Control Commission, and representatives of the British Government, have signed an agreement whereby Britain will buy wool to the value of £200,000 in Chile.

The exchange balance thus created will be liquidated by the purchase of British merchandise.

LATEST

Britain May Blockade Vladivostok

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It is officially announced that the British Government is considering the possibility of establishing a blockade around the Russian port of Vladivostok.

In making this announcement in the House of Commons last night, Mr. R. H. Cross, the Minister for Economic Warfare, said that the blockade would probably be extended to this area in order to prevent the flow of goods into the port.

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12.30 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.45 Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, The Duncan Sisters, "Hutch," and Others.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Competitions of Bach—Prelude and Fugue, No. 17, in a Flat Major, Evelyn Howard-Jones (Piano); Brandenburg Concerto No. 6, in B Flat Major, Sir Henry Wood and His Symphony Orchestra; The Heart 1 Ask From Thee, Love, My Spirit Was in Heaven, Lotte Leonard (Soprano) with Harpsichord, Organ and Violin; Sonata No. 3 in E, Isoldo Menges and Harold Samuel (Violin and Piano).

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Vocal Selections by The Kentucky Minstrels.

7.00 London Relay—"The Last Fight of the Revenge"—A Feature Programme.

7.30 London Relay—"The News."

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Short Sibelius Programme.—Karlita Suite, Op. 11, London Philharmonic Orchestra, cond. by Walter Goehr; Flickan Kom Ifran Sin Alsklings Mote; Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano accomp. Sung in Swedish.

8.15 Studio—A Latvian Programme by Harry Ore at the Piano.

8.45 Studio—"Great Authors"—3: Burke. The third of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.

9.05 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.—Indian Lament, Slavonic Dance No. 3 in G Major, with Piano accomp. by Carl Linn.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Kitty Masters, Harold Ramsay and Stan Holloway in Variety.

10.00 Half an hour of Dance Music.

10.30 London Relay—"The Turning of the Worm" or "In The Rough Again."

11.00 Close Down.

Swedish Ship Rammed

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Seventeen survivors of the Swedish steamer, Norda, 1,310 tons, which is stated to have been accidentally rammed and sunk in the Norwegian coast, have been landed at a Scottish port by a British warship. Two men are missing.

Collided With Submarine

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Further news of the sinking of the Swedish steamer, Norda, reveals that she was a serious leak as the result of a collision with a submarine.

The crew managed to keep her afloat with pumps until within sight of the Norwegian coast when the ship was half-submerged. The crew were taken off by a Danish steamer.

The submarine's periscope was torn off but her ultimate fate is unknown.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

THE TAIPO RURAL HOME AND ORPHANAGE

13½ Milestone, Tai-po.

The Orphanage will be formally opened on

Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

His Excellency The Governor will perform the Opening Ceremony at 3.30 p.m.

All are cordially welcome.

Buses will leave the Peninsula Hotel for Tai-po at 2.00 and 2.15 p.m., and will return at 4.30 and 4.45 p.m.

Reservations must be booked beforehand at the Hongkong or Peninsula Hotel where tickets are obtainable at \$1 per Return Trip.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 by the issue of 1,000,000 shares of \$10 each, and that the said 1,000,000 shares be divided into 1,000,000 Hong Kong currency shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount of capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
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Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

NOTICE

Owing to the drastic increase in the cost of raw materials and freight, the undersigned are reluctantly compelled to increase the price of Beer by \$2.50 per case of 48 quarts or 72 pints, effective 28th February, 1940.

EWO BEER:—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.
Managers:
Ewo Brewery Co., Shanghai.

H.H. BEER:—H. Ruttonjee & Sons, Managers:
Hongkong Brewery & Distillery Ltd., Hong Kong.

U.H. BEER:—W. R. Loxley & Co., (China) Ltd., Sole Agents:
Union Brewery Ltd., Shanghai.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

NOTICE

As from to-day beer bottles bearing the Trademarks of the undersigned, will be redeemed at:—

Quarts — 4 cents each

Pints — 3 cents each

EWO:—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.
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Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall, The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.

The Inspector, 82, Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.

The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES

Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk via Haiphong

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 6th March, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Coward and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

E. OHL, Agent.

N. Y. K. LINE

(NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA.)

From EUROPE and STRAITS

Consignees of Cargo per Company's Vessels are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 4th March, 1940, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA, Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

Finns Not Expected To Defend Viborg WHOLESALE EVACUATION OF TOWNS ORDERED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Finnish Government has ordered the immediate evacuation of all towns along the coast of Viipuri Bay to a depth of twenty-five miles inland.

This decision apparently indicates that the Finnish Army intends to evacuate Viborg, the republic's second largest city, and to withdraw to the third lines of defence behind the city.

The Russians continue to pound Viborg from across the bay. The city itself has already been completely evacuated by civilians and only the army and essential services now remain.

Despite the orders for general evacuation, the Finns are still holding their lines before Viborg, despite increasingly heavy pressure.

The Russians are now entrenched in the outlying suburbs approximately six miles from the centre of the city.

They have moved up their heavy artillery in order to make the bombardment more effective.

Fresh Tragedy

Fresh tragedy has also overwhelmed the Finnish forces in the far north, where the Russians launched a mighty attack on Sunday.

After holding out for three days the Finnish forces have been compelled to evacuate Sackkiarvi, and have now retreated to their last line of defence at Hoehenjaervi, where they have their backs to the Norwegian frontier and from where further retreat is impossible unless the Finns are to cross into Norwegian territory.

The entire surrounding area has been evacuated of civilians by order of the Government.

Karelian Battle Rages

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—A communications station west of the Karelian Isthmus, the enemy continued his attacks but suffered heavy losses.

The Finns have captured a number of arms and destroyed 13 tanks. North-east of Lake Ladoga, there was strong artillery activity in which the Finns destroyed three tanks and two armoured cars.

In the direction of Petsamo, the enemy made several attacks. The Finns have transferred their lines to Nausti.

Two tanks were destroyed. There was a successful ambush and activity by the Finns.

Viborg Holds Out

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The Soviets are still six miles from Viborg this morning. The Finns are holding their second line of defence despite terrific pressure.

Southern Finland was bombed by Soviet planes on Monday but so far as is known only three people were killed.

Helsingfors had four air raid alarms but no bombs were dropped.

Donation To Finns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (UP).—A street car company to-day is donating the entire day's income to send as a donation to aid Finland.

Russians Repulsed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (UP).—To-day's official Finnish communiqué states that the Russians suffered heavy losses yesterday in their attacks on the Isthmus, particularly on the islands in the Bay of Viborg.

Russian attacks were repulsed on the Somme, Nahtyjaervi, and Sackkiarvi sectors where the Finns captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition and destroyed 18 tanks.

Fighting in these sectors still continues.

Powerful Attacks Repelled

The Finns also repelled powerful Russian attacks at Taipale where heavy booty was captured. Fighting has been resumed at Kalma while at Petsamo the Finns have withdrawn to their defence positions at Nausti.

There has been considerable aerial activity. The Finnish air force has been bombing Russian air bases and munitions dumps far behind the Russian lines.

It has been officially confirmed that seventeen Russian planes were shot down to-day.

Strategic Withdrawal

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 27 (UP).—Reports from Helsingfors to-day state that the Russian capture of Kolvisio netted "only ruins without any military importance because the Finns dynamited all the fortifications and dragged off all their guns."

The Finn lost 100 men during the retreat, which is described as "strategic," the report says.

Now Danger To Finns

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—There is danger that the Finns may soon have another front to defend as a result of the Karelian Isthmus battle.

When they reach the tip of Kolvisio Peninsula, the Russians will be only five miles from the main Finnish south coast near Sackkiarvi, which has been evacuated by the civilian population.

The loss of the Kolvisio fortress has opened up the way for such an advance.

Previously the Finnish batteries there had effectively checked any outflanking movement of this kind behind the Manherheim Line.

WHAT HITLER WILL DEMAND FOR PEACE

FROM PAGE ONE

day and will arrive in the German capital on Friday.

He will spend a night en route at Zurich.

Nazi Press Silent

BERLIN, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's personal European observer, is expected to be Hitler's guest at dinner and to confer with both von Ribbentrop and Goering.

So far, however, Nazi newspapers have not mentioned his arrival in Rome or the fact that he is coming to Berlin.

NO CURRENCY DEPRECIATION

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, assured a questioner in the House of Commons to-day that currency depreciation would not be resorted to as a means of stimulating export trade by giving an unreasonable competitive exchange advantage.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The easing off in prices noticed at the close yesterday was again in evidence to-day. However, in spite of this, business continues on a generous scale.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,400
Union Insurance \$480
Hotels 5½
Humphreys 7½
Tramways 18.20
Yamat Feries 27½
Electric 50
Ropes 50
Entertainments 7.30

H.K. Bank \$1,400
Hotels 5.80
Lands 41
Tramways 18.40
Electric 50
Telephone (New) 12½
Watsons 9.80

H.K. Bank \$1,400/70
Bank of East Asia 77
Union Insurance 402½
Docks 24½/24½/23.60
Providents 55.05/6
Lands 40½
Realities 55
Tramways 18.40/25.30
Yamat Feries 28
China Lights (Old) 88.00/70
Electric 50/08½
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By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

WHEN I went to see Monsieur Dautry to thank him for enabling me to visit the French munition factories, I ventured to ask him whether he thought flesh and blood could stand the long hours of labour, day after day, which he was demanding of the workers.

He said he was well aware that men could not be expected indefinitely to continue to work with such intensity, but in the tragic emergency he felt that he could ask them without hurt to themselves to persevere for a few months; then he added: "For every hundred thousand men Britain sends over, a hundred thousand men now at the front can be released to work in my factories. That will give me 800,000 more hours of work a week and that means an hour's work less a day for 800,000 men."

Monsieur Dautry is Minister of Armaments. He is not a politician, but an engineer and a great organiser.

It was he who reduced to order the confusion of the French State railways and characteristic stories are told of his efficiency, his indefatigability and his determination.

He is a small man, with a sallow face and decided features, a thick head of gray hair and an eye of piercing brightness.

He gives you an impression of enormous energy; he is untiring and appears able to do without sleep or rest.

He himself made out for me a programme to enable me to visit factories to get an impression of the effort France was making to supply the troops with all the material needed.



I FIRST visited a sugar factory almost on the bank of the Rhine and so near the advanced posts of the enemy that it was well within range of a big machine gun; but, except that the women were evacuated, work was proceeding as quietly as in peace-time.

I saw also a factory which in peace-time produces woollen goods, and under-linen, but now is busily turning out shirts, socks and pull-overs for the troops. It is within range of a not very heavy gun. I think at least three hundred women must have been occupied there, but the only indication I could discover that they felt themselves to be working under peculiar conditions was that the permanent wave of a good many seemed to be wearing a trifle thin.

I went to a foundry which is actually in front of the Maginot Line. Women and children have been evacuated, shelters

Guns, And Still More Guns!

have been built in case of air-raids; and arrangements have been made to remove essential parts, should the Germans advance, so that it would take them the better part of a year to get the factory working again.

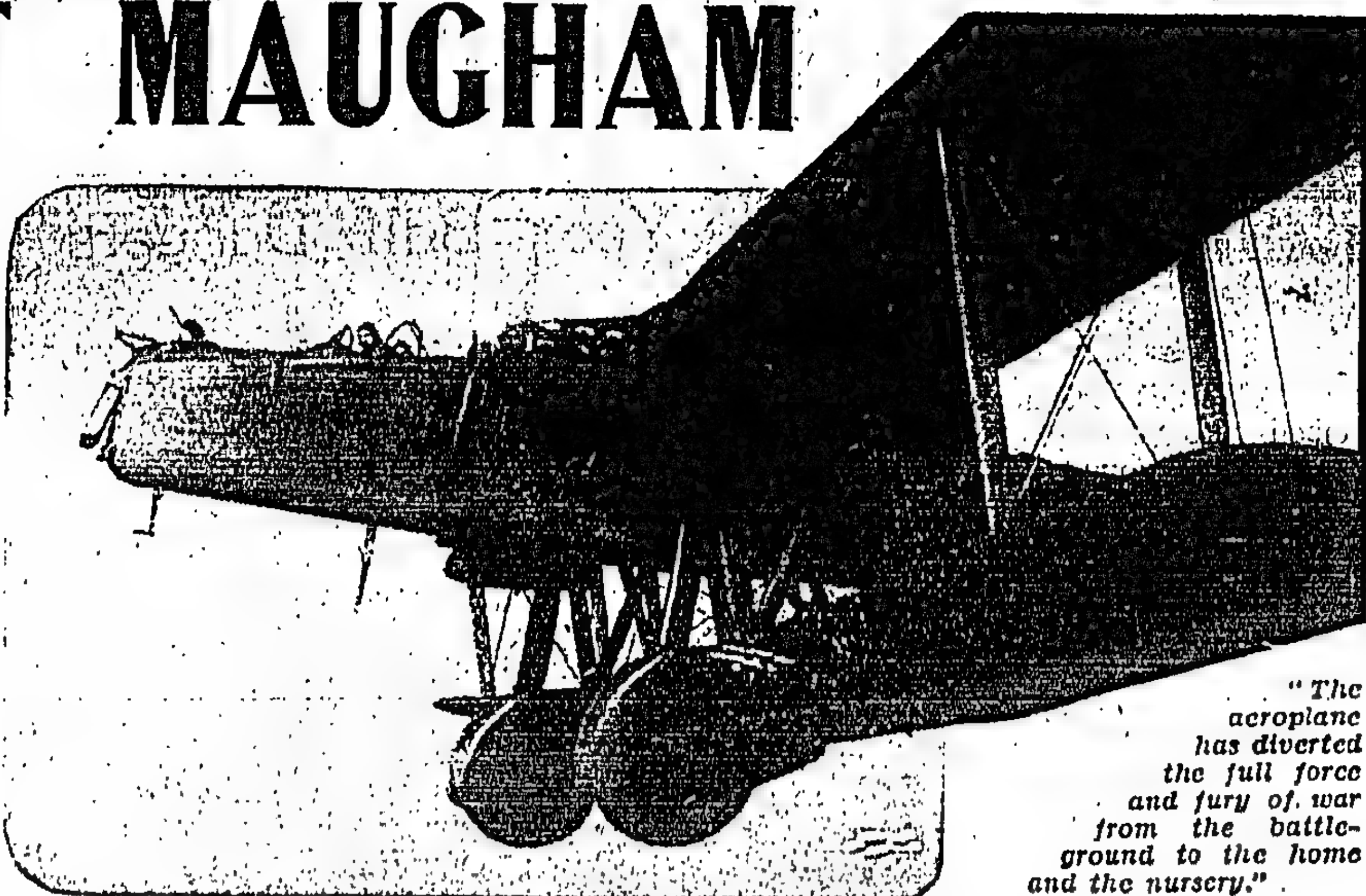
The steel manufactured is shipped away every night so that they would find at best only the produce of one day's work.

I think what most struck me in those works, employing now hard on two thousand men, was the sense of emptiness. In a vast shed where work was going on at full blast there was only a handful of men and they seemed to be there merely to supervise the almost human, the strangely purposeful, activity of the machines which pressed and cut and carried the huge ingots of red hot steel.

It was a very different impression I got when I visited various factories in the neighbourhood of Paris, where in one I saw the manufacture of armoured cars, in another of shells, in a third of aeroplanes; in these and others which it would be tedious to enumerate, the crowded workers, the hurried rows of machines, gave one the feeling of an intense, a fierce but regulated animation.

One thing that struck me was the power and yet wonderfully manageable tanks as spick and span as a private car.

Every part is quite exquisitely finished. The machines that are used for the manufacture of all these lethal weapons are miracles of ingenuity. They work automatically so that the man in charge has little more to do than to keep a watchful eye. They have the elegance of perfect adaptation to their use.



"The aeroplane has diverted the full force and fury of war from the battle-ground to the home and the nursery."

you are made aware that danger is close; at the gateway your matches and lighter are taken from you; and so that you may be preserved from temptation you are asked to give up your cigarettes. The workmen wear wooden sabots in case of a nail in a leather sole should strike a spark on the concrete floor. They wear black overalls which are fire-proofed, and this uniform sombreness gives them a kind of mystery. I saw the whole process of manufacture, from the white cotton flock saturated with ether and alcohol that looks so innocent, to the final operation which is so dangerous that only two men are allowed to get into the shed where it is performed, and there is a trench full of water within a few feet of the doors so that if there is a fire they should immediately plunge in.



IN another factory I saw, where they made explosive, the last part of the process takes place in little cubicles so made that the roof and front will blow off if there is an explosion, and each man works alone so that he alone may be killed.

Grim! And yet so true is it that familiarity breeds contempt, these workmen, and there are twelve thousand of them at the powder factory, go about their business with as little concern as the woman I had seen at the front making shirts and sweaters.

Everywhere the workmen seemed wonderfully alert, with keen faces and intelligent eyes. I could not but be struck by the pride each seemed to take in his particular job.

Not only foremen, but even ordinary workmen, explained the mechanism of the complicated instrument they dealt with, almost with eloquence. They were professional men every bit as much as lawyers or doctors. They are prepared to endure as long as necessary the interminable hours of arduous toil for they are aware that their efforts are for the security of their country and the welfare in the future of their children.

—FOR HEROES, killed by Science on the Somme.

shells, you find everything spacious.

The machines needed to bore those huge steel rods, to manufacture those tremendous carriages, are so enormous that you have none of the crowded effect of other factories.

The din is not so terrific and although work is incessant, going on night and day, day after day, for seven days a week, there is an odd effect of dignified leisure. Everything is on a gigantic scale. These monsters, looking ridiculously like the toy guns made for children, take six months to make, and in the factory I saw they produced two a week.

I spent one morning at a powder factory. From the moment you enter one of the many small buildings

B.W.O.F. Knitters

Knitters for the British War Organisation Fund are earnestly requested to be kind enough to note the following: All articles in pairs should be securely sewn together at the ribbing end. It is particularly requested that scarves should not be fringed.

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After operations, or wasting and other diseases, you feel so weak and exhausted that you wonder whether you'll ever feel really well again. Everyone urges you to eat. Yet food nauseates you. But you simply must eat. Doctors all over the world have found that Horlicks can be retained by the weakest stomach and the patients find it agreeable and palatable. Horlicks immediately starts to pour new strength into your exhausted body. At the same time it stimulates your faded appetite. Your convalescence is shortened and in an amazingly short time you feel ready for anything again. Full of energy and vitality. Keep Horlicks always ready at hand.

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R. A. CAMIDGE, Manager.

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Paid-up Capital £5,500,000.00
Reserve and Undivided Profits £2,333,332.01

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

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Authorized Capital £10,000,000
Subscribed Capital £1,000,000
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Reserve Fund and Profits £2,232,770

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D. DENSON, Manager.

COMMAND PROMOTIONS

The following promotions and appointments in the Royal Artillery, China Command, have been notified by Headquarters with effect from February 1:
Lieutenants E. W. S. Anderson, C. Rochford-Boyd and A. R. Colquhoun to be acting Majors; Lieutenants D. R. G. M. Graham, W. N. J. Pitt, A. O. G. Gillis, W. A. Ingram, H. D. B. Hartman to be acting Captains; the appointment of acting Major C. Champin is confirmed, with effect from January 20; Lieutenant H. S. Foster relinquishes the acting rank of Captain.
In the Royal Engineers, Lieutenant J. C. Cartwright-Taylor is an acting Captain with effect from December 8, 1939.



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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Religious Films

HOLLYWOOD seems to be seized with an urge for stories of a religious trend.

Cecil de Mille has planned a film of the life of Mary of Nazareth. This production will be started in the spring.

It will be Cecil de Mille's 67th picture. Casting is still to be tackled. No one knows who will play Mary but rumour has it that the role will be given to Madeline Carroll.

Cecil de Mille is famous for his biblical epics. Remember "The Ten Commandments" made in 1923; that great film, "The Sign of the Cross"; and the silent film masterpiece, "The King of Kings" made in 1927. His new biblical epic will be made as a companion picture to "The King of Kings".

Another religious film scheduled for production this spring is "Marching as to War," dealing with the life of General William Booth.

Now "The Great Commandment," starring Tyrone Power, is announced by 20th Century-Fox as "a story of Jesus bringing about peace in the Jewish revolt against the Romans in A.D. 30".

The modest British project to film the entire Bible, mooted a year or so ago, seems to have gone cold.



BEN Turpin, (above) the 72-year-old cockeyed comic of the early slapstick school who retired from films in 1925, has been engaged for a featured role with Laurel and Hardy in their latest film "Two's a Company". Turpin has the role of a plumber whose crossed eyes are responsible for the erratic plumbing in the Laurel and Hardy apartment.

"U-boat 29" Coming

IT is now learned that the British film "U-boat 29" which went up before the Malayan Film Committee of Appeal was later shown in Singapore with great success.

There is every hope that it will be shown in Hongkong shortly.

This film, which is being distributed by Columbia Films, is reported to have established an all-time record for Columbia in Singapore with a gross reaching phenomenal proportions. It broke records in many cities and piled up heavy receipts in Caracas, Venezuela.

This film was generally released throughout Great Britain under the title of "Spy in Black".



CONRAD Veldt (centre) takes the leading role in "U-boat 29," a British film, which will be shown in Hongkong shortly.

GERMAN ATTACHE

Tokyo, Feb. 27.
Rear-Admiral O. W. Vennker, new Naval Attaché to the German Embassy, and Captain Giuseppe Prelli, new Naval Attaché to the Italian Embassy, accompanied by their families arrived in Tokyo on Monday.—Domei.

Leap Year Ball Dancers



FOUR of the dancers who will entertain at the Leap Year Ball to be held at the Gloucester Hotel on February 29 in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

War Clauses In Contracts

HOLLYWOOD'S motion picture industry began recently to write "war clauses" into players' contracts.

Joan Fontaine received the first of these as she was called to sign a long term contract with Selznick International studios, where she was filming "Rebecca".

Only recently married to Brian Aherne and aware of the fact that theatrical couples are too often separated by the demands of two different careers, Miss Fontaine requested a special clause in her contract to prevent any long separations.

The clause, as written in, permits Joan to take leave of absence to accompany her husband on any trip providing she is not engaged in actual production herself.

However, the studio, to protect its star, insisted on a "war clause" being added. Since Joan's husband is a British subject likely to be called to the colours, the studio further specified that Joan could take her leaves of absence except for the purpose of going into any war zone.

Commenting on the unusual clause in her contract, Miss Fontaine said, "Marriage is much more important to me than a career. But I'd like to have both."

"Tarzan Finds A Son"

The M.G.M. production "Tarzan Finds a Son" has proved very popular in Shanghai. According to latest reports received, the film was shown for 32 consecutive performances. It is believed that the gross on this production will probably exceed the gross on "The Wizard of Oz".

"Tarzan Finds a Son" is another episode of the popular series created by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan take the principal roles. The film introduces five year old John Sheffield.

This film will be shown in Hongkong sometime next month.

AT THE CINEMAS

Queen's and Alhambra:
"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (Charles Laughton).
King's "Hawaiian Nights" and "Joe Louis vs. Arturo Godoy World's Heavyweight Championship."
Oriental: "Newsboys Home" (Jackie Cooper, Edmund Lowe).
Majestic: "Captured" (Leslie Howard, Doug Fairbanks Jr.).

Leigh-Taylor Team

VIVIEN Leigh and Robert Taylor will co-star in "Waterloo Bridge," an adaptation of Robert E. Sherwood's play of the same name.

Production recently started at the M.G.M. studios.

Mervyn Le Roy is directing the film with Sidney Franklin as producer.

"Waterloo Bridge" will be Vivien Leigh's first American film role following "Gone with the Wind".

She has, however, appeared before in films with Robert Taylor. This was in "A Yank at Oxford," made by M.G.M. in England, two years ago.

"The Yearling"

Marjorie Rawlings' popular novel, "The Yearling" is to be produced as a film by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Mare Connelly and four other writers will adapt the novel for the screen.



Charles Laughton, famous British actor, who takes the leading role in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," an RKO-Radio film, now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Wharf And Godown Co. Dividend Of \$7

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., report that, subject to audit, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31 is \$1,203,785.73. The amount brought forward from the year 1939 being \$282,077.12, the total now available for distribution is \$1,485,862.85.

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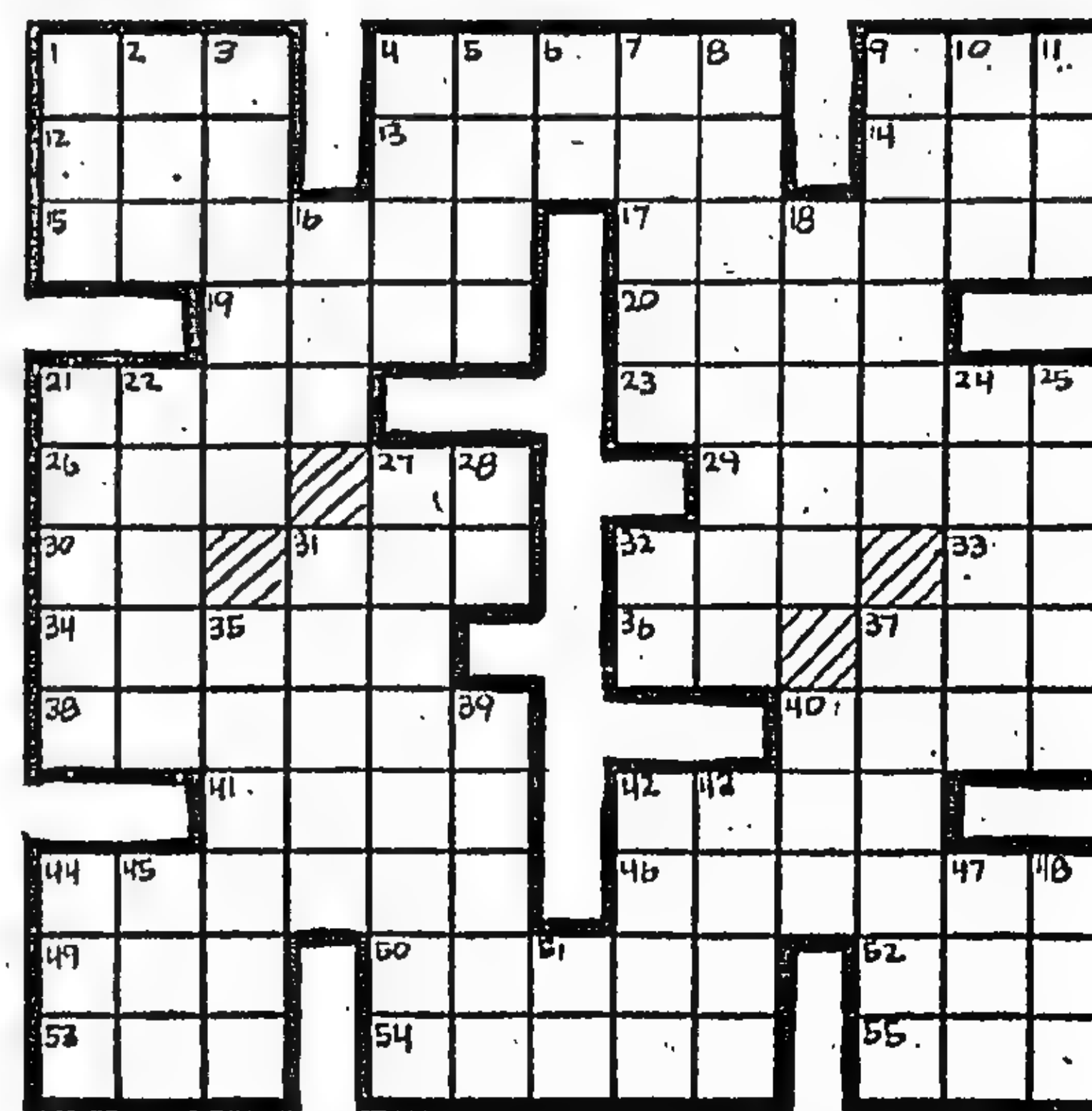
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1—Hit of cloth
2—Flower-extracts
3—Erease
12—Expose to public
13—Unusable
14—Visit
15—Lilies
17—Article of dress
19—Immense
20—At any time
21—Holed dish
22—Robert
23—Look over
27—C in C scale
29—Holes in chest
30—Prens not
31—Transmision
32—Strains
33—Unit-meas
34—Island in Mediterranean
35—Brown kiwi
36—Hewn and rains
40—Bury
41—Vaseline
42—Private for publication
43—Femal system of measurement
44—(scale)
45—Unworked metal
46—Full water

DOWN
1—Knock
3—De sick
4—Ereased
5—Minica
6—Examination
7—And it
8—Diorns
9—Drooled
10—Pertaining to state
11—Confederate general
12—Always (petio)
13—Name of marble
14—Kind of nut
15—Layers of coating
16—In process of
17—Pertaining to tone
18—Main voice
19—Composition
20—Bitter harangue
21—In process of
22—Guide
23—Dial to P
24—Main name
25—Ceremony
26—European falcon
27—Toupee
28—Sea, eagle
29—Performer
30—Borris sound
31—Epoch
32—Histro
33—Arrange
34—He (Prouch)

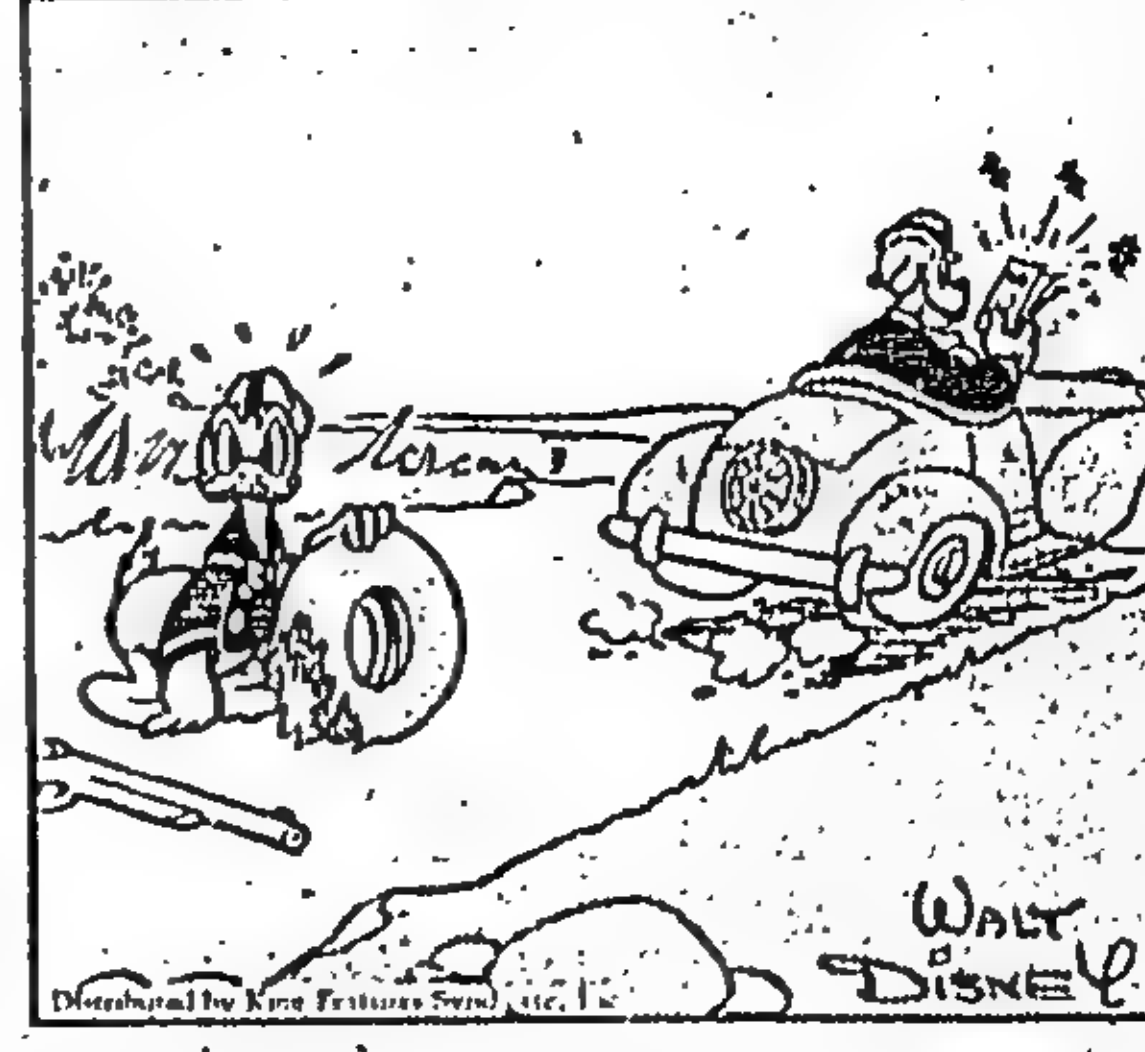


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Mr. Churchill Reveals Navy's Preparations In Striking Speech FIGHTING THE MAGNETIC MINE: HEAVY TOLL TAKEN OF U-BOATS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The powerfully reinforced British Navy is ready to "beat down" all Nazi attacks, declared Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons to-day, when he also hinted that Britain might take a sterner stand towards neutral European nations.

Almost in the same breath he announced additions to the Fleet designed to resist aerial and U-boat attacks.

Scapa Flow Abandoned

He admitted that Scapa Flow has been abandoned as a naval base, presumably owing to its strategic and other values.

He admitted that the old "wonder ship" H.M.S. Nelson (35,050 tons), which was built in 1925, has been damaged by a mine.

However, she reached port under her own power and will shortly re-join the fleet, he declared.

Vast Confidence

The First Lord's speech was one of vast confidence. It revealed the great efforts being made to build up the British Navy to defeat the newer and greater German attacks on Britain's sea power which are expected soon.

The speech emphasised the British determination to carry on the war against Nazi leadership. It continually expressed confidence in victory—at a time when Mr. Hitler is preparing to confer with Hitler in Berlin this week.

Now Battleships

Mr. Churchill put emphasis on the new battleships which will soon join the fleet and said the Allied blockade is working satisfactorily.

"The Straits of Dover are closed and sealed, and the Northern Patrol is being maintained by a strongly supported cordon from Scotland to Greenland," he said.

He explained that the blockade could be tightened still further but that Britain desired to "strike a balance" and not to harm friendly neutrals.

Lost Over 35 U-Boats

He said Germany had lost half of her 70 U-boats by the end of December and expressed the opinion that they are able to build ten new U-boats in three months.

Britain, he said, has started building a large number of naval craft designed to destroy U-boats faster than they can be constructed.

He added that the Admiralty has issued "thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes" to the British merchant and fishing fleets for protection against attacks from German planes.

In addition "immense preparations" have been made to meet Nazi attacks at sea, and Britain "now sees its way of mastering the German system of laying magnetic mines."

In conclusion, Mr. Churchill said Britain expects "perhaps in the near future" further and greater attacks on British sea power.

Cheers For Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was received with cheers when he rose to speak on the Naval Estimates.

"I come on behalf of the Navy," he said, "to ask for a little money (laughter) to enable them to carry on their work."

Mr. Churchill's reference to money referred to £100,000 grant representing an amount running into many millions but which is no more than the cost of the Navy.

Mr. Churchill continued: "There has grown up a much wider comprehension of the certainty that mistakes will be made both at Whitehall and on the salt water and that however hard we try the painful drain of losses will be sustained."

"This will only make us more zealous to discharge our task and to give satisfaction and win approval by producing good results."

Not Expensive

"I regret it is not expedient to give the House the precise facts and figures regarding the proposed strength and cost of the Navy but there is no need to tell the enemy more than is good for him about what we are doing" (laughter).

Mr. Churchill said that by the end of 1939, Germany had lost from all causes at least half their U-boats, namely 35. He doubted very much whether even ten new U-boats came into action in that period.

In the last two days, he said, there had been one certain and two almost certain U-boat sinkings.

Clear Warning

Mr. Churchill said, "So far the Navy has borne the main weight of the war. If at any time in the

future it becomes apparent that we have got the upper hand in an even more marked and decisive form than that at present, I shall be the first to propose a review of our resources and requirements; but attacks will be delivered upon our seaward, by which we live on and which we all depend on, on a far greater scale than anything which we have so far beaten back or beaten down."

Referring to the U-boat campaign, Mr. Churchill said: "I was in error when some months ago I said that the rate of Germany's new building of U-boats could be counted at two weeks. This and even more may be true in the future but it was not true up to the end of 1939."

"The enemy may have ended last year with about 45 U-boats of which about 20 would be required for training leaving perhaps 25 for active operations. As these would work in two or three reliefs the number at any one time cannot be very large."

"Indeed our calculations show that it has probably not exceeded that at any one time."

"Since the New Year things have sharpened up on both sides. We are going on increasing numbers of U-boats and we have had some quite exceptional weeks of proved results."

Mystery Sinkings

"We do not make announcements of the sinking of U-boats. Unless there are some features of special interest we leave them wrapped in mystery."

"Remembering the substantial losses we have suffered from just these few U-boats operating up to the present, the House will see how vast must be the preparations which we ought to make and which we have made to cope with a full-scale attack which may come upon us."

"With the passage of the summer the new building of U-boats will increasingly come into play and we expect to see them with our very large new buildings of craft especially adapted to their destruction."

"We shall be building all this summer at our capacity."

After mentioning the efforts which are being made to make a large increase in the rate of merchant ship-building in order to replace inevitable losses, Mr. Churchill continued:

"The U-boat is being steadily driven from using the gun on the surface of the water and has been largely driven from using torpedoes and laying mines, magnetic and other kinds, in approaches to our harbours."

The Magnetic Mines

Referring in more detail to the magnetic mine, Mr. Churchill declared: "There is nothing particularly new or novel about it although mechanically it is very cleverly made (laughter). I feel entitled to say that we see our way to mastering this magnetic mine and other variants of the same idea (cheers)."

"How this is being achieved is a detective story written in a language of its own."

"To be modest (laughter) we do not feel at all outdone in science in this country by the Nazis."

"There are two stages in process of dealing with the magnetic mine. The first is the finding of what to do and the second is the applying of that knowledge on a very large scale."

"We are now advanced upon the second stage and although we must expect perhaps, in the immediate future, further and much heavier attacks upon us by this method we believe we shall find ourselves able to deal with it."

"To cope with these attacks by mines we have had to call upon our fishing fleets and fishermen. Although this year we shall have about 25,000 at our disposal, we had at the end of November to call for many thousands of volunteers for mine-sweeping duties."

"The engagement was only for three months and it is now clear that it must be greatly prolonged."

"In many seaports over 75 per cent. of those who volunteered for three months now wish to continue for the duration of the war and the

Admiralty are going to meet their wish. (cheers)."

Excessive Behaviour

"So excessive has been the behaviour of some of the German aviators in attacking harmless unarmed vessels and machine-gunning the crews when in boats and in describing on the radio 'What fun it was to see the little ship crackling up in flames like a Christmas tree,' that we have had to set about arming all our fishing boats and small craft with a means of defending themselves. (cheers)."

"We have reason to know that several of them have sheered off very quickly when they found that the fishermen who had only just been given a weapon fired back upon them."

"Thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes are being issued to our merchant and fishing fleets."

"The Nazis have retorted by saying this entitles them to break all conventions which they have already broken many times over. (laughter)."

"They may be, of course, able to apply their methods on a larger scale but they have not for some time been able to descend to any new level of cruelty and disgrace."

"I suppose the House realises that Hitler and his Nazis have quite definitely exceeded the worst villainies which Imperial Germany committed during the last war. (cheers)."

"One of the most extraordinary things I have ever known in my experience is the way in which the German illegals, atrocities and brutalities are coming to be accepted as if they were part of the ordinary day to day conditions of war (cheers)."

Criticises Neutral Press

"Why does the neutral press make more fuss when I make a speech telling them what is their duty than they have done when hundreds of their ships have been sunk (cheers) and over a thousand of their sailors have been drowned or murdered—that is the right word—on the open seas."

"Apparently, according to the present doctrine of the neutral states probably endorsed by the Government, Germany is to gain one set of advantages by breaking all the rules and committing foul outrages and then go on and gain another set of advantages through insisting, when ever it suits her, on the widest interpretation of the International Code she has torn to pieces."

"It is not at all odd that His Majesty's Government is getting rather tired of it. (cheers)."

Getting Tired Of It

"I am getting rather tired of it myself (laughter). For my part I can say without hesitation that in the interpretation of the rules and conventions affecting neutrals, humanity rather than legal pedantry must be our chief guide (cheers) and judging from the Almkær episode this seems to be the opinion not only of the British nation but of the civilised world."

Referring to battleships, Mr. Churchill said: "If we had not got at the present time an unquestionable superiority in battleships, Germany's heavy cruisers would come out into the Atlantic Ocean and, without fear of being brought to account, would be able to obstruct, if not to arrest, the whole of the enormous trade without which we could not live. (cheers)."

"They might make temporary bases in different quarters of the globe and they might establish themselves in positions where we could have no means whatever of attacking them."

"In this way they would soon bring about our mortal ruin."

Ready For Anything

"I happily have a far greater strength in capital ships than the enemy and if at any time they break out as they may, do we are always ready to meet them with much larger forces and bring them to battle and destroy them as we did in the isolated case of the first Spee."

"Without a superior battle fleet we could not exercise any command of the sea nor even keep ourselves alive with food."

"Recalling that during the last war Britain had to keep always ready 30 to 40 battleships with attendant squadrons and flotillas to fight a main battle at any time, Mr. Churchill said, 'Now this preoccupation has been diminished. The enemy have only

Northern Chinese Denounce Wang Ching-wei

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Feb. 28 (UP).—Although they are functioning far behind the front lines in "Japanese occupied territory," the Provincial Governments of Chahar and Hopei have found time in order to radio the Central Government in Chungking, denouncing Wang Ching-wei.

Despite the efforts of the Japanese in these and other occupied territories to suppress the Provincial Governments, they are actually functioning in all provinces.

The centre of provincial government may at times appear a mystery, but the archives are still jealously preserved and, like Juarez in the Mexican revolt against France, are moved from town to town in order to escape the attentions of the Japanese.

Chungking officials, in announcing receipt of the messages from the two Provincial governments, recall that they are functioning at almost the same degree of efficiency as the central Government in Chungking.

The people in the occupied territory still give their allegiance to the loyal provincial governments, despite the setting up of Japanese puppet administrations.

Two really big ships and cannot attempt to form a line of battle.

"We have at least three if not four lines of battle, one of which the enemy could face in an engagement."

"Therefore we are able to dispose of our ships much more widely and, at the same time, to keep ample forces always at sea ready to engage the enemy's principal vessels should they present themselves."

"Upon this fact depends the whole of our sea control."

Mr. Churchill mentioned that the new warships which Britain was building were capable of standing up to air bombing and were far better adapted to under water explosions than anything they had to-day.

Mr. Churchill declared that he did not wish to raise any undue apprehensions about the strength of existing ships.

He announced that H.M.S. Barham, an old ship which had stood up well to torpedoes, would soon be repaired and ready for sea and that H.M.S. Nelson, a modern ship but nevertheless fifteen years old, had been damaged by a magnetic mine but would soon be rejoining the Fleet.

"Apart from H.M.S. Royal Oak and H.M.S. Courageous no other large ships have been damaged or sunk since the outbreak of war during the very difficult winter months," he said.

Referring to the fact that the ships both great and small had been at sea more continuously than was ever done or dreamed of in any previous war since the introduction of steam, Mr. Churchill said that since H.M.S. Royal Oak was sunk we had not used Scapa Flow which was, of course, our best strategic base.

Mr. Churchill paid a glowing tribute to the engineering branch of the Royal Navy for the fact that even ships with old engines had steamed 90 days or more out of the first 110 days of war.

There was, added Mr. Churchill, very little doubt that the whole of

Trade With Japan

Questions Asked In House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).

In the House of Commons to-day, Miss Wilkinson asked Sir Andrew Duncan, the President of the Board of Trade, regarding the arrangement recently made with the Japanese Government providing for the import of 350,000 dozen pairs of stockings and a large quantity of other textiles from Japan.

Sir Andrew replied that there had been for some years an agreement between British and Japanese hosiery manufacturers for the limitation of exports of Japanese hosiery to the United Kingdom. This agreement was renewed in January and with the agreement, the British hosiery industry imports licensing restrictions were since relaxed so as to allow the limited import of cheap Japanese hosiery of a kind not made here is quantities sufficient to meet the demand.

Miss Wilkinson asked whether in view of our position as regards unemployment and food supplies, it was necessary to arrange for the import of silk stockings in war time.

Sir Andrew replied that there was likewise a need for export trade and it was made quite clear to the Japanese Government that the continuance of this concession depends on their attitude to the admission of British hosiery to Japan.

Mr. Thorne (Labour): "The more trade we do with the Japanese they more they can hammer away at the Chinese."

Exports Agreement

Deliberately deprived as they have been of the elements of true judgment, it is they who have made the movement and still sustain it. They have their own ideas which, to our minds, are distorted but for which hundreds of thousands of them are prepared, without a moment's hesitation, to sacrifice their lives.

There is what seems to be an impenetrable barrier dividing us from them which somehow must be broken down.

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Youth Versus Youth

To-day's Conflict And To-morrow's Problem

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, addressing members of the University of Oxford as Chancellor of the University, declared that the conflict to-day was between youth and youth, and this was the kernel of our future problems.

What has been the driving force behind the Nazi movement? It has been the German youth.

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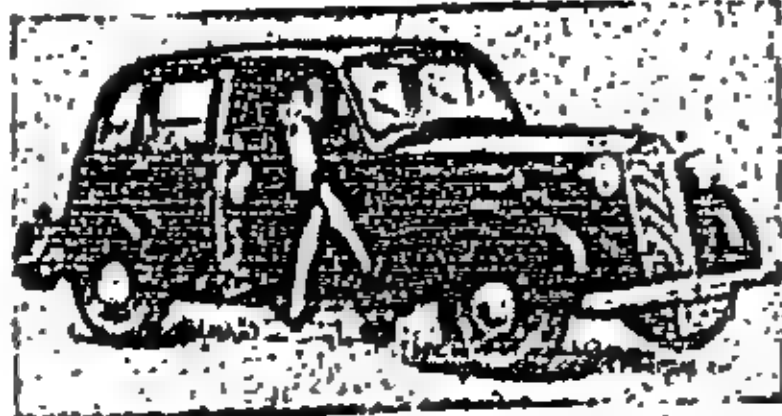
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 thank the Salesian Fathers for the
 presence of the Aberdeen
 School Band at the funeral
 service. H. E. Bishop Valtorta
 for officiating, the Rev. Fr.
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The Minesweepers

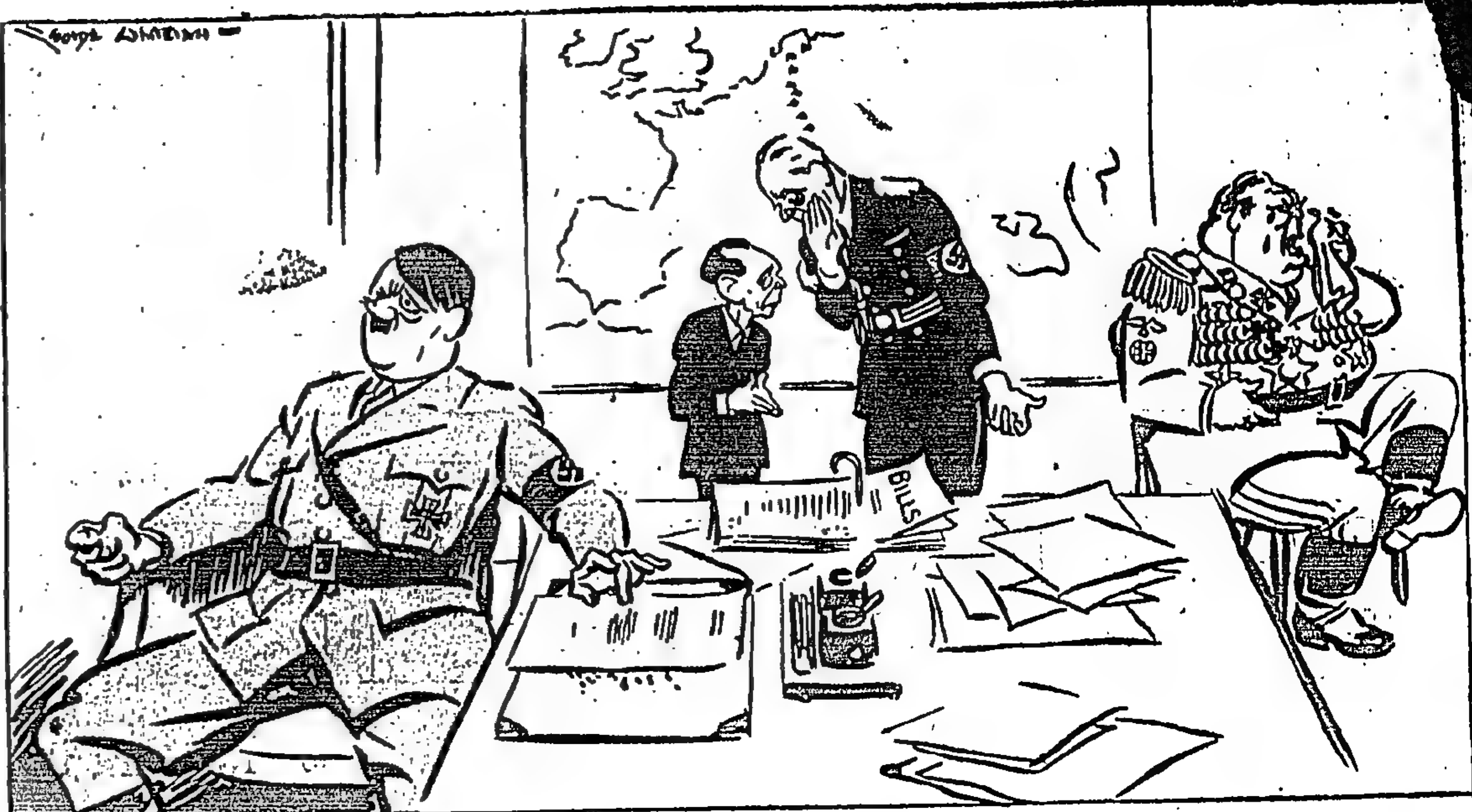
There is no branch of the ser-
 vices to which the thoughts of an
 island people turn with more
 anxiety and gratitude than to the
 men who man the little ships
 that strive to keep the waters
 clear for the sea-borne traffic on
 which our existence depends.

Kipling did justice to the mine-
 sweepers in the last war in that
 rousing song that Elgar set to
 music:

Mines reported in the fairway,
 Warn all traffic and detain;
 Send up Unity, Claribel, Assyrian,
 Stormcock and Golden Gann.

It is vital to the safety of
 Britain that our fishermen should
 be willing in time of war to bring
 to the hazardous business of our
 defence the skill and endurance
 that give them a poor enough
 return in time of peace, and they
 have never been found wanting.
 To-day their task is pursued
 without ceasing in the face of
 risks unknown before, for to the
 rage of winter storms and the
 menace of mine and torpedo is
 added the threat of attack from
 the air.

The sailor knows, and the
 landsman can well guess, what
 fortitude is needed for the work
 and what hardship it entails, yet
 among all the organisations for
 lightening the lot of this or that
 branch of the services none deals
 with the crews of the coastal
 craft that are so often in our
 minds. At least the monotony
 and anxiety of cramped quarters
 and constant peril can be
 lightened by the provision of
 wireless sets and of facilities for
 such games as can be played on
 board.



Goebbels: "What's wrong with Hermann?"

Ribbenflop: "The Fuehrer has just broken it to him that his medals must be melted down for munitions."

First time up, in charge of a bomber

by J. STUBBS-WALKER

ALMOST every day now
 you hear about those
 far-away things that the
 men of the Royal Air
 Force are doing. Outlandish
 feats of courage and endurance
 in a world about which you
 probably know little.

There is, in the air, a splash of
 modern adventure which tinges
 the exploits of the war pilots with
 a glamour difficult to find in the
 mud-drenched fields of France and
 Germany.

Yet it is more than likely that
 many of them, twelve months ago,
 had never flown an aeroplane.

LET me give you a
 detailed picture of what
 it is like to take over the
 controls of an aeroplane—a
 bomber—for the first time.

We are not concerned now with
 actual bombing—merely the pilot-
 ing of the machine.

Our learner has been training on
 the ground for weeks before he
 flies, and, if his hands and feet lack
 the necessary delicacy of touch, his
 brain has at least grasped the
 elements of flying.

And these are not so difficult.
 The first time that you are taught
 to fly you are shown just where
 everything is. In a primary train-
 ing machine, it is all surprisingly
 simple: feet on rudder pedals, right
 hand holding the joystick—gently
 and the left hovering near the
 control for the throttle.

So simple—you think—that you
 cannot go wrong. Until, after he
 has explained it all, your instruc-
 tor tells you to take over the con-
 trols.

And then you begin really to
 learn how to fly.

IN that training plane
 in which you make your
 first mistakes—two
 large dials show your height and
 your speed. A smaller dial shows
 you the number of revolutions
 being made per minute by the
 engine. Another registers the
 engine oil pressure.

Probably, too, there is a pale
 green tube of glass, slightly curved
 and with a bubble floating in it. It
 shows you when the machine is
 level, laterally.

Compare the simplicity of that
 cockpit with the pilot's seat in a
 modern twin-engined machine.
 His controls are very nearly the
 same—a joystick (we call it a con-
 trol-column these days)—and
 rudder pedals.

But before him is a board con-
 taining the most impressive array
 of instruments imaginable. Any-
 thing from 20 to 30 dials register
 such obscure things as engine
 boost-pressure, oxygen supply,

position of the retractable under-
 carriage, angle of the variable pitch
 propellers.

Instead of the simple ratchet
 that controls the throttle, he has a
 kinty of arms in the centre of
 the cockpit—a miniature railway-
 man's signal-box.

These control the pitch of the
 propeller, the mixture of the fuel,
 the speed of the engines, and, in
 some planes, the rows of bomb-
 racks beneath the plane.

On top of all that, he has con-
 trols for the wing flaps which slow
 him down when he is landing, and
 for the wheels which he tucks away
 neatly when he is flying.

When he is on a bombing or re-
 connaissance flight, he has to
 think as well. Apart from the con-
 trol of his plane he is responsible
 for watching for enemy machines.

Strapped to his mouth is the
 oxygen feed that is necessary at
 heights of more than 15,000 feet.
 He must remember to turn that on

and keep it at the right pressure,
 otherwise, and without warning,
 he is likely to collapse at his con-
 trols.

If he is bombing, it may be his
 responsibility to sight the target
 they are attacking, and either
 drop the bombs himself or give
 the instructions to one of
 his crew.

If he is fighting, he must control
 his own forward-firing guns,
 sighting them through a ring-sight
 before his face, and remembering
 position to give his rear gunner a
 chance to get in bursts of fire
 whenever possible.

HE must dodge anti-
 aircraft shells, never get
 lost, look for cloud
 cover that may shield him from
 attack, and last of all, in the
 event of disaster, he must give
 every member of his crew the
 chance to get away before he him-
 self leaps.

A job for a he-man; much more
 a job for a man of real intelligence
 and cool reasoning.

A year ago, after he stepped
 from the simple plane in which he
 had made his first solo flight, he
 probably told himself that, though
 he had mastered the first step, he
 would never have the nerve to fly
 one of those vast £20,000-or-more
 death-carriers.
 But he has.

NAVAL CONTROL

By Admiral
 Sir R. Bacon

ONE of the most important
 factors in the successful
 waging of war is the exercise of
 common sense. Closely allied
 to this is the necessity for all
 services and individuals to sub-
 ordinate both personal and cor-
 porate considerations to the
 furtherance of the war.

During my period of command of
 the Dover Patrol in the Great War
 the advisability of concentrating all
 the coastal defences under one single
 head became indelibly stamped on
 my mind.

The situation at Dover so far as
 coastal defence was concerned be-
 came almost impossible. The gun
 defences were under military con-
 trol, the gunners had had no prac-
 tical training in the recognition of
 the differences between our own and
 enemy vessels. The fishermen who
 manned our trawlers and drifters
 were unaccustomed to paying meti-
 culous attention to written orders,
 so that it was more by good fortune
 than anything else that regrettable
 incidents were avoided.

I QUOTE this old experience to
 show the evils of divided com-
 mand. The common-sense solution
 of the impasse was to put the bat-
 teries under my orders; not because
 I was an Admiral, or wished to grab
 units under the command of some
 other authority, but because I and
 my chief of the staff were the only
 persons at Dover who possessed ac-
 curate knowledge as to when an
 enemy's vessel might or might not
 be expected, and also the general
 disposition of our own vessels.

So far as the air service was con-
 cerned, the whole of the air force
 at Dover and Dunkirk was under
 my command. With the result that
 everything went like clockwork.
 The aeroplanes and seaplanes work-
 ed with the monitors when we bom-
 barded the dockyard at Ostend or the
 locks at Zeebrugge.

The pilots and their commanding
 officer came over to Dover when
 necessary, and I explained to them
 exactly what I proposed to do and
 what I wished them to do. Conse-
 quently there was never any doubt
 on their part, nor had the orders to
 be transmitted through a third party,
 to the saving of staff work and the
 avoidance of possible errors and con-
 fusion.

The question of supply and main-
 tenance of the coastal aircraft is a
 separate matter. To tamper with
 existing arrangements might well,
 in war-time, lead to confusion, but
 there can be no tactical reason why,
 as was the case at Dover, the coastal
 aircraft should not be under the con-
 trol of the man who has direct
 knowledge of the position and work
 of the surface and submarine craft.

IN the present war coastal protec-
 tion has been complicated by
 seaplanes laying parachute mines.
 This intensifies the necessity for a
 close relationship between the patrol-
 ling aircraft and the minesweeping
 organisation. Lastly, the hour is
 fast approaching when Germany will
 hurl a volcanic attack of aeroplanes,
 seaplanes, mining craft and surface
 craft in one intensive week of at-
 tempted destruction and demoralisa-
 tion of our defences. Heaven help
 our coastal defences if it falls be-
 tween the stools of divided control.
 Obviously there can be no tactical
 or strategic reason for divorcing
 the coastal aircraft from the naval
 command. If so, why do so? I fear
 it looks very like the old story of the
 emour propre of one portion of our
 armed forces being offended and a
 dislike of a command being cur-
 tailed.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I think the old bear is weakening! He used to give me five
 seconds to get out—now he gives me ten!"

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FLAMING "ONIONS"

R.A.F. Encounters New German Defences

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter's Special Correspondent With the R.A.F. in France).—R.A.F. long-distance bombers, which landed on a French aerodrome before dawn today after participating in the most important series of reconnaissance flights over Germany since the war began, ran the gauntlet of the whole German anti-aircraft defence with one exception.

Fighters were seen but they made no attempt to attack the raiders.

Over the heavily-fortified areas of Western Germany, four Messerschmitts were spotted at different points. The bombers were caught in the beams of multi-coloured search-lights. This activity was greatest over the Ruhr district.

Heavy A.A. Barrage

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered in the neighbourhood of Cologne and Düsseldorf. One section of the flight was under intense fire for some minutes and for another spell dodged spasmodic bursts of "searching on" (incendiary shells which in some cases were linked to chains designed to wrap themselves around the raiders and send them crashing to earth in flames) were discharged at the aircraft but they missed their mark.

One battery of four guns fired greenish coloured shells and elsewhere red orange fireballs were fired under the aircraft.

Nightmare Flight

This nightmare flight was one of several carried out. The series, announced by the Air Ministry this morning, constituted the fourth R.A.F. night survey of Germany in five days. The aircraft first visited Bockum, the base of mine-laying seaplanes, after which they proceeded to two main objectives—Berlin and the Ruhr.

Leaflets and recognition flares were dropped on Berlin, where not a single searchlight came on, although the aircraft came down to a few thousand feet above such famous streets as the Unter den Linden and the Wilhelmstrasse to release their load.

Only one fighter was seen hereabouts but it did not attempt to join in combat with the raiders which were plainly visible in bright moonlight.

Leaflets On Cologne

More leaflets were dropped at Cologne.

Other towns crossed included Emden, Duisburg and Dortmund. The most important details were observed by the planes, and, it is believed, by those which flew over the important seaports in north-west Germany and the Baltic.

In less than a week, R.A.F. night-fliers, by the aid of photographs and ordinary observation, have secured a great mass of new information about Germany with little or no loss.

Mr. Roosevelt And The Pope

Message Talks Of Common Ideal

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, in a message to the Pope concerning the appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor, says: "I should be very happy to know that he will form the focus for all views which Your Holiness and I may desire to exchange in the interest of concord between the peoples of the world."

"I have asked Mr. Taylor to give my cordial greetings to Your Holiness in the sincere hope that our common ideal of religion and humanity may show itself in a common path for the re-establishment of a more durable peace founded on liberty and security, and the life and integrity of all nations under the protection of God."

U.S. Envoy Received

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (Domei).—Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative, was received by Pope Pius XII at the Holy See this morning. Mr. Taylor presented President Roosevelt's personal message and his credentials to His Holiness. The interview lasted about 40 minutes.

UNDERWRITERS SATISFIED

Quote Lower Rates For Convoys Ships

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The confidence of Marine Insurance circles in the convoy system is illustrated in the rates quoted in London. Up to Wednesday last week, only 21 of the 10,070 ships conveyed were lost, improving on the previous figure of one in 800. Underwriters in London now quote for single voyages in European waters—unescorted ships, 80 shillings per £100; convoyed ships, 60 shillings per £100. The comparative kindness of the Nazis to Italian and Japanese ships is also reflected in the fact that the underwriters quote lower rates for ships of these countries than they do for others.

R.A.F.'s "House To House Canvass" In Leaflet Raid Over Berlin

DRAMATIC FLIGHTS OVER NAZI CITIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—It has been officially announced that two German bombing planes were brought down to-day.

One was shot down by a Royal Air Force fighting plane from the Command patrol off the mouth of the Firth of Forth shortly before 1 p.m., while a second was shot down by a R.A.F. plane off the coast of Northumberland.

Three members of the German plane's crew were seen to take to a rubber boat.

R.A.F. flights into Germany intense air activity has resulted in the reported loss of two German bombers off the British coast, and of one of possibly two R.A.F. planes during a reconnaissance flight over the Heligoland Bight.

The R.A.F. pushed deeply into Germany and the Nazi pilots flew over France in a sudden spurt of air action which extended over the fighting fronts.

Leaflet Raid Over Berlin R.A.F. headquarters in France described a "leaflet" raid over Berlin which was "almost a house to house canvass."

R.A.F. planes flew un-molested up and down above Unter den Linden, Wilhelmstrasse and Kur-fuerstendamm, hitting the streets with thousands of leaflets.

Paris to-day reported that six persons were wounded by the explosion of anti-aircraft shells during a barrage in which five German planes which had penetrated the Paris region were driven off.

It is understood that several enemy bombing squadrons crossed the border with fighting planes acting as escorts. Some flew over the north and northwest areas, while a detachment of five swerved over to the Paris region. Others scouted in other sectors. An anti-aircraft shell blasted a two-foot hole in a street near a subway station, shattering the windows in the neighbourhood.

Heligoland Raid The official news agency in Berlin claims the Germans shot down a British Bristol-Blenheim over the Heligoland Bight and said the anti-aircraft guns so damaged a second R.A.F. plane it was probably unable to return to its base.

The Berlin official news agency admitted that the R.A.F. flew over northwest Germany but denied they reached Berlin.

A London report says a British patrol brought down a Heinkel plane over the Firth of Forth and brought down a second Heinkel off the Northumberland coast. The crew of three of this second plane took to rubber boats. These two German planes are the 42nd and 43rd known to have been downed by the British.

Air Ministry Admission The Air Ministry said the R.A.F. successfully reconnoitred over the Heligoland Bight and admitted that one plane failed to return.

Air circles indicated that during the past 24 hours air activity has been the heaviest since the start of the war. At least four separate flights were made over German territory—the fourth of such flights in the last five days.

A report from the Hague states officially that aeroplanes of unidentified nationality were observed along the coast near Amsterdam and Utrecht where anti-aircraft batteries went into action several times.

Four Of Crew Rescued LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The four members of the crew of the Heinkel bomber shot down off the Firth of Forth were picked up by a trawler and landed at a Scottish port.

One was suffering from gunshot wounds. They appeared to be overjoyed at the rescue and repeatedly shook hands with the trawlermen.

The crew of the Heinkel shot down off Northumberland have not been found.

Six Injured By Shell PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Six people were injured yesterday, by shell which exploded on a pavement when anti-aircraft batteries opened fire here last night.

Relaxing Import Restrictions

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Following the recent understanding between Britain and France, the Board of Trade announced that they have arranged for a substantial relaxation in the restriction on imports from France.

AUSTRALIA'S SECOND DEFENCE LOAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANBERRA, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Commonwealth of Australia will shortly float its second Defence Loan.

The loan, which will be for £18,000,000 (Australian currency), will bear interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. for a portion redeemable in 1945, and at the rate of 3½ per cent. for the portion redeemable in 1955.

The money is required in order to finance Australia's gigantic war effort. The original pre-war defence estimates for Australia, which totalled £23,000,000, were increased to £62,000,000 immediately after the outbreak of war.

CAUSTIC COMMENT

Hitler Policy Soon In True Light

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The Ankara paper, "Ulus," says that the classical meaning of neutrality is modified by Germany, which deems that neutrality is violated if any State declines to sell to her goods at her prices, or accept the restrictions of the contraband control, or combine to preserve their independence in short, unless they serve the aims of her foreign policy.

The meaning of aggression has suffered strange changes. Thus Germans were not the aggressors in Poland. The Allies were the aggressors for trying to thwart that attack.

They Have One Merit When also destroyed Czechoslovakia, Germany was only deplusing herself against her victim. The partition of Poland was merely an act of self defence. The Poles, by resisting, were the aggressors.

Such new definitions have at least the merits of throwing light on German policy.

The Istanbul paper, "Yenisabah," says: "Mr. Chamberlain's speech was sincere as always. It was moderate in tone, but this was not due to fear, as Britain is stronger militarily and politically than at the outbreak of war."

Soviets' War Materials

Query Raised In The House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Russian import of war material was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day by Rear-Admiral Bennish.

Replying, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, stated Russian imports of war material, except from Germany, appeared to have been considerably reduced in recent months.

Imports of certain raw material, including rubber, copper and molybdenum, during the period between September and January, were however larger than during the same period of 1937-38.

These imports entered the Soviet Union at Vladivostok and came from the United States directly, or through Mexico, from the Philippine and from the Dutch Indies.

Ships employed appeared mainly to be Soviet, Dutch, Japanese and Norwegian.

These ships did not pass through British contraband controls.

Girl Unmasks Spy Suspect

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An indication of the way in which every people breaking defence regulations was provided by an Italian girl to-day.

The girl, 14 years old, is a resident of London normally but is now living in the country. She saw a man taking a photograph of a wrecked plane by means of a camera under his coat. Suspicious, she told a policeman.

The man was arrested and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. He is said to have been with a German cavalry regiment at one time.

The girl is an Italian who came to England three years ago.

Political Storm Over Saito Affair

Demand For Statement By Government

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The Saito affair continues to be in the forefront of the domestic and political situation in Japan.

As the result of the appearance before the Diet of Mr. Takao Saito, who caused a storm by his questions regarding the Kono statement which is being used as a basis by the Government in efforts to end the China conflict, the gap between those demanding his expulsion from the Lower House and those opposed to such action has widened.

No Government Action The Government is avoiding interference in the matter for the time being, but has communicated to the political parties the opinion that they should show no leniency in considering Saito's punishment.

The attitude of the Army and Navy is reported to have strengthened, but these quarters are much concerned over the ultimate outcome of the issue.

May Suspend Diet The Cabinet is watching developments and is understood to be planning an order for suspension of the Diet if the Party leaders are unable to enforce action and dispose of the affair speedily.

Wants Govt. Statement In the House of Peers to-day, Mr. Yoshikazu Tanaka, Chairman of the Japanese Young Men's League, urged that the Government publicly make known its policy in connection with the Saito case in order to avoid an unfortunate misunderstanding (Applause). He referred to newspaper reports that the Government was causing a general impression that it was intimidating the Legislature.

In reply, Admiral Yonai, the Premier, stated definitely that the Government had no intention whatsoever of interfering with the business of the Imperial Diet.

Death Of H.K. Taipan

Mr. J. D. Humphreys Passes

The death occurred at 5 a.m. to-day of the late Mr. J. D. Humphreys of Messrs. J. D. Humphreys and Son, of Alexandra Building.

Admitted to hospital on Sunday evening, the late Mr. Humphreys took a turn for the worse last night.

Born in Hongkong 46 years ago, Mr. Humphreys was one of the best-known and respected residents of the Colony. He was a popular sportsman and in 1928 represented Hongkong in the Interport cricket series. He was also a good tennis player and a member of the Hongkong C.C.

Served In Great War The late Mr. Humphreys went to England for schooling and returned to the East in 1911 to join Messrs. Holiday, Wise and Co. of Manila. In 1913 he returned to Europe and served in the Great War in an artillery unit, returning to Hongkong in 1919 and joining his father's firm, J. D. Humphreys and Son.

He leaves his father, now in Victoria, B.C., and two sisters to mourn his death. One of his sisters is the wife of Mr. D. E. Clark, of the same firm.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

U.S. Exports To Europe

Small Increase To Allies Noted

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Ronald Cross was questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding American exports to Europe, and was asked whether he was aware that in the last four months American exports to 13 European countries rose in value from £35,000,000 to £52,000,000 while in the same time American values to England and France only increased from £20,000,000 to £27,000,000.

Mr. Cross declared that he had not checked these figures, but even if they were accurate it did not follow that any action on the part of the Government was required.

No Serious Leakage He had no reason to suspect that there was any serious leakage as far as the European countries were concerned, and he had no reason to object if neutrals should obtain their requirements from the United States rather than Germany.

Mr. Cross added that with the exception of exports to Russia via Vladivostok all exports in question passed through the control and were most carefully watched.

Dorsetshire In American Waters

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The British cruiser, Dorsetshire, which was expected here this morning for supplies and fuel, is not arriving to-day after all.

The festivities which had been arranged for the officers and men to-night have been cancelled.

COLOMBO CRISIS

Ceylon Ministers Resign En Bloc

COLOMBO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—All six Ceylon ministers resigned this evening.

The sudden crisis was precipitated by the Governor's decision in connection with the difference which has arisen between the Home Minister, Sir Baron Jayatilaka, and the Inspector General of Police, Mr. P. N. Banks, regarding the carrying out of the State Council's decision to postpone certain criminal proceedings.

Labour Trouble The difference originally developed from labour trouble in an up-country estate on January 10 which led to the institution of proceedings against the rioters on the one hand, and the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into alleged shooting by the Police on the other.

The Home Minister subsequently protested to the Governor that Mr. Banks had not carried out "instructions" to postpone the cases pending the Commission's report as decided by the State Council.

Governor's Decision The Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, formerly Governor of Hongkong, though regretting that Mr. Banks had not "worded" his letter more happily to the Minister, did not think that there had been insubordination as alleged.

He also pointed out the statutory responsibility imposed on the Police and doubted the propriety of the procedure adopted by the Home Minister.

The Minister maintains that the question goes to the root of the Donoughmore Constitution.

U.S. Exports To Reds

Shipments Being Sent Via Vladivostok

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Answering suggestions made at question time in the House of Commons that American shipments of tin, oil and rubber to Vladivostok might be finding their way to Germany, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, said that he was aware that shipments of tin and rubber from America to Russia had increased in the past few months, but shipments of petroleum appeared to have decreased.

He had no information whether a part of these materials was being resold to Germany.

Assurances Wanted Mr. Geoffrey Mander suggested that the Government should obtain assurances on the point from America.

Mr. Cross pointed out that the United States was a neutral country. He did not feel that it would be our best course to make such a direct approach.

Mr. Mander recalled that negotiations were proceeding with a number of neutrals to prevent this kind of thing, and asked why the United States was excluded.

Mr. Cross said that the countries with which these negotiations were proceeding were subject to our contraband control, but there was no such sanction where the United States was concerned.

Senator's Wife Seeks Divorce

25-Year-Old Marriage On The Rocks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Mrs. Gerald P. Nye has disclosed that her attorneys were instituting divorce proceedings against Senator Nye.

She refuses to discuss the grounds upon which she is basing her appeal.

Senator and Mrs. Nye, formerly Miss Anna Margaret Munch, were married in 1915, when Senator Nye was editor and manager of the "Daily Plain Dealer."

They have three children, Marjorie, Robert and James.

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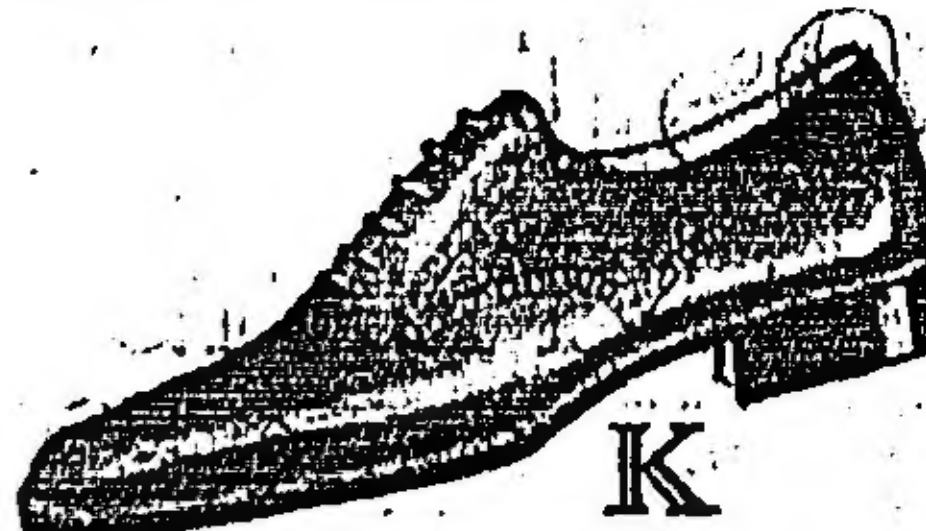
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THOSE "MISERABLE" GOLF CLUBS

GREAT FEATS WITH BROKEN DOWN PUTTERS RECALLED

If past history can be relied upon, it would seem that expensive putters have not always inspired their wielders with confidence, writes L. B. Stanley in "The Field." Often the contrary has proved to be the case. Time and again, for instance, we find that an armoury of the finest matched clubs includes a rusty old hickory putter whose days of active service look as if they had ended with the guttie ball.

The presence of this ugly duckling is interesting. It shows how men who base their play upon the strictest scientific lines sometimes become almost superstitious in this most vital department of the game.

Here is an example. While spending an enjoyable afternoon in the Dollymount Club I noticed a small figure on the home green practising hard at putting. It proved to be Paddy Mahon who not so very long ago was listed with the second best average of the British professionals. This intensive activity, I was informed, was due to recent indifferent performances on the greens.

Mahon confirmed this later. He declared that his putting touch seemed temporarily to desert him, but he had at last found a cure: he had changed his putter. Upon handling the club in question my first impressions were that it might be used for almost anything except putting. The grip had gone and the shaft was hopelessly warped, yet Mahon used this club throughout a later championship and undoubtedly recaptured his cunning on the greens. Truly, faith is a wonderful thing.

BOUGHT FROM CADDY

A similar case occurred at Troon last year. I was talking to Charles Yates, the eventual winner of the championship, and observed that his putter looked somewhat the worse for wear. He agreed, and went on to say that it had belonged to a friend who had died three years before. He had left his clubs to his caddy, but Yates had bought the putter for one dollar and a quarter. An invaluable investment, as he declared, as through it he had gained Walker Cup recognition. No idle claim, for

this battered club played a decisive part in the winning of two national titles. Many instances come to mind of players experimenting with strange putters just before a major championship, liking the feel of the club and using it with evident success in the actual event. The final of what is regarded as the I.C.A. Match-play Championship at Stoke Poges two years ago between James Adams and Percy Alliss was one of these occasions.

LIKE A MAN BEWITCHED

Putting has never been the strongest feature of Alliss's game, yet in this tournament he charmed the ball into the hole like a man bewitched. Nothing was too difficult, and every putt was struck with deadly accuracy. The secret of this phenomenal display was simple. Just before the event Alliss borrowed quite an ordinary putter from the Secretary and obtained such remarkable results with it on the greens that, christening it "Black Magic," he "putted" his way to victory.

This putter, however, is not the first to have inspired Alliss; in fact, I should think he must have quite a collection by now. I remember him showing me a putter in the Open of the previous year which he was confident would solve all his problems. In appearance it bore a distinct resemblance to Mahon's club, but was, if anything, one degree worse. The clubhead was loose and, when it came into contact with the ball, emitted a disturbing cracked sound. Most golfers would have hesitated to have used it at all, yet

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Macao Interport Hockey Team

The Macao Hockey Club have selected the following to meet Hongkong in the Inter-port hockey match on Sunday, March 24:

C. C. Almada; R. Rosario and L. Costa (Capt.); J. Nolasco, Alex. Airoso and J. Santos Ferreira; Fred Nolasco, Alberto Airoso, Pedro Angelo, R. Angelo and A. Angelo. Reserves: — A. Basto, M. Soares, G. Silva and J. T. Silva.

Seven-A-Side Rugger Tournament

Entries for the annual Rugby Football Seven-a-side Tournament are now coming in and it is anticipated that 20 teams will compete of whom about 10 will represent various Army Units.

The Royal Navy are not at their usual numerical strength this year, but will be able to enter at least two good sevens. Other teams will be drawn from Hongkong Police, who are the present holders of the Trophy, R.N.V.R., Civil Service, R.A.F., Hongkong Bank, Butterfield and Swire and Rest of the Club.

The tournament will be held as usual on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, the preliminary rounds being played on Monday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13, at 4.30 p.m. and the final on Saturday, March 16.

Proceeds this year will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund, and it is hoped that there will be more than the usual strong support for the Tournament, on this account.

His Excellency the Governor is giving his support to the Tournament and will be present at the final, and has kindly consented to present to the winning team the Blarney Stone Shield, the trophy for which the tournament is played.

Lightweights Livened British Boxing In 1939

Not many years have produced so few British championship contests as 1939. The best boxing was provided by the lightweights.

Big tournament met with mixed financial success. The Harvey-McAvoy and Phillips-Doyle bill at White City drew the largest crowd ever known at a boxing show in England. At the other extreme failure of John Henry Lewis to defend his world light-heavyweight title cost Wembley a lot of money.

This Week's Football Fixtures

Following is the League football programme for this week:

To-Day

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v Engineers (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

S. China "A" v Middlesex (Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)

Royal Scots v Kwong Wah (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)

Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Road, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Club v 8th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

International v Royal Scots (Military, 4.30 p.m.)

24th R.A. v R.A.S.C. (St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)

12th R.A. v Engineers (Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)

5th R.A. v Kumaons (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)

South China v Electric (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

Signals v R.A.M.C. (Military, 3 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

S. China "B" v Kowloon (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Club v Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

South China v Engineers (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

Tennis

DRAW FOR COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

The draw for the Colony tennis championships, organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club, was made yesterday and resulted as follows:

OPEN SINGLES

Eyes into second round—S. A. Rumjahn v. B. C. Fay; P. S. Leong v. S. A. Gray; Kwok Hing-chung v. O. Rumjahn; Lam Kwai v. W. Leonard; H. D. Rumjahn v. Firdos Khan.

First round—Marland Ma v. Z. Zulaut; L. J. Ho v. A. R. Kitchell; Paul Kong v. L. J. Ho; S. A. Hussain v. Chan Kwong-lui; Ben Louie v. O. Rumjahn; Paul Yan-pui v. T. J. Gould; J. L. C. Pearce v. Peter U. T. A. Pearce v. Wong Hoi-nang; R. G. Hiesell v. J. R. Turner; Y. C. Lau v. Wei Chung.

Eyes into second round—M. Pugh; Tennis Kwok v. L. M. A. Hazek; A. Crawford v. Ip Koon-hing; Pang O-lam v. Lee Hui-kek; Leung Ping-chiu v. J. Gonzales; I. Agaturoff v. Paul Wai-pui.

OPEN DOUBLES

Eyes into second round—Paul Wai-pui and Paul Yan-pui v. S. A. Hussain and O. Rumjahn; Dew Shing-chung and Ip Koon-hing v. A. R. Kitchell and L. M. A. Hazek.

First round—T. and B. Agaturoff v. Wong Fook-nam and Lam Kwai; Wong Hoi-nang and Lee Chi-man v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould; J. Gonzales and A. V. Remedios v. Ng Kam-chuen and Tsai Ping-fan; Paul Kong and B. Szeto v. Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yiu-wing; E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. A. Chan and J. Lau; Kwok Hing-chung and Lui Kwai-fan v. C. H. T. Hyde and J. Ferguson; T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v. T. C. Chan and Marland Ma; P. H. Kwok and B. W. Liang v. L. J. S. B. Kitchell and S. Gerard.

Eyes into second round—Pang O-lam and Leung Ping-chiu v. J. L. C. Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet; Lee Hui-kek and J. Leonard v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

Kowloon Junior School Annual Sports

The annual sports meeting of the Kowloon Junior School will be held on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground to-morrow morning, commencing at 10 a.m. Mrs. J. R. Higgs will present the prizes.

The Armstrong - Roderick world-title bout and the Boon-Crowley contest were also financial "flops."

First sensation occurred on the last day of January at Leicester, when the Belgian, Raoul Degryse, weighing exactly 8st., floored British fly-weight champion, Peter Kane, in the opening round for a count of "nine."

The Golborne youngster rose unsteadily, and if Degryse had managed to land another heavy punch Kane would have been knocked out.

However, Kane, with his customary courage, pulled himself together and clearly out-boxed the Belgian in every one of the rounds that followed.

On February 9 Tommy Farr arrived at Southampton full of hope. He had earned a fortune in America, and was confident of regaining the heavy-weight title he had relinquished and now held by Len Harvey.

But Harvey could not be persuaded to defend the crown unless guaranteed £6,000. No promoter has shown interest in this financial demand, and the match is still as far off as ever.

OUTSTANDING MATCH

Then, in February, was decided what is considered the outstanding match of the year—the light-weight title battle between Boon and Arthur Danahar at Harringay. The building was packed.

It was a highly dramatic championship struggle. Danahar, who hitherto had taken part in only eight-round contests, was matching his consummate skill against the rugged and exceptionally strong title-holder.

Danahar had scored many points during early rounds, and then made the vital mistake of lending with his right. He paid the penalty. Boon caught him with a terrific punch that sent him to the canvas.

He rose manfully enough, but Boon, realising the situation, gave him the rest and Danahar was frequently floored. The referee rightly stopped the fight in the 14th round, leaving Boon a decisive winner.

This was Danahar's last contest in the light-weight class. He had evidently experienced difficulty in getting down to 8st. 6lb., but he had revealed fine ability and sterling grit, and although defeated was far from suffering disgrace.

He compensated for this disaster when later he brilliantly outpointed Roderick over 10 rounds at Earl's Court.

Then, on March 16, Len Harvey beat Larry Guins, and a week later, at Anfield, Liverpool, Ernie Roderick won, as generally anticipated, the British welter-weight title from Jake Kilrain (Glasgow).

During April Tommy Farr had a return fight with the American, Red Burman, at Harringay, and avenged a previous defeat in New York by outboxing Burman.

LEWIS' EYE TROUBLE

On May 4 John Henry Lewis reached Southampton with the purpose of giving Harvey a chance of winning the world light-heavyweight championship.

Eye trouble prevented him from carrying out his contract, and cost him the title.

A fortnight later Farr beat Guins in five rounds at Cardiff, while in the same ring George James was k.o. by Manuel Abrew.

Later in May, at Harringay, Henry Armstrong retained his world welter-weight crown, giving an astonishing exhibition of speed when outboxing Roderick.

This match was a "flop" for the promoters. Instead of an expected 12,000 crowd, there were less than 4,000 present. Jack McAvoy kept his middle-weight championship by outpointing Ginger Sudd at Manchester.

On July 10 unprecedented scenes were witnessed at White City, London. A record attendance for a fight in England watched Jack Doyle knock out in the first round by Eddie Phillips. Harvey won the world light-heavyweight title (according to the British Board of Control) in a contest with McAvoy.

Big boxing closed down the year with another financial failure, when Boon again lost to Crowley for the light-weight title at Harringay, the Londoner straining a tendon when falling to the canvas.

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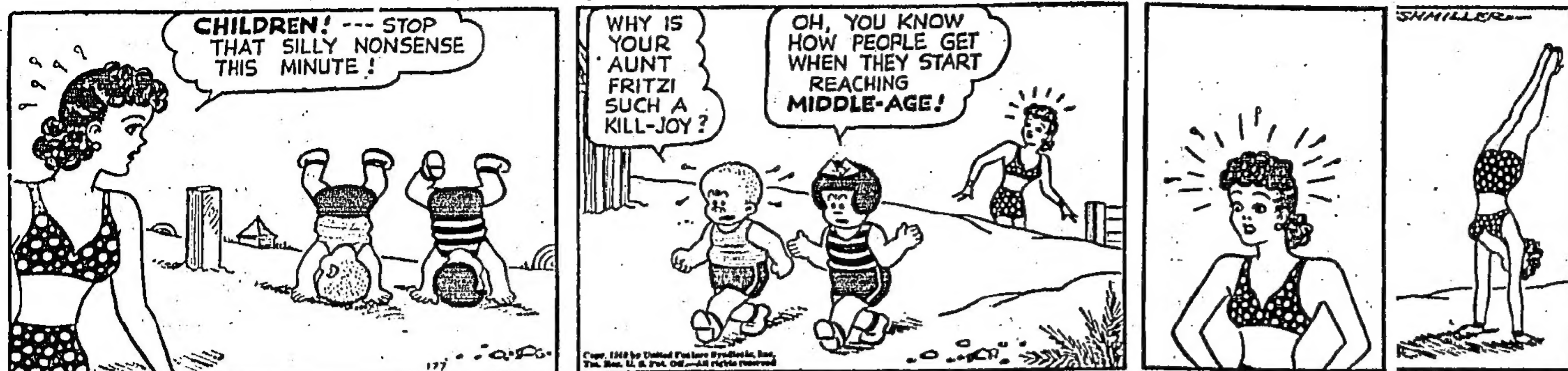
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25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1915.
America's famous inventor, Mr. Edison, has just given his impressions of the war to a New York correspondent. "The Germans," he said, "are a great people commercially, industrially, agriculturally, but they have been brought up in an atmosphere of egotism. Everything in the country has been subordinated to the military caste, and I think the sooner this system is ended the better for the German people."

The King has instituted a new Decoration entitled "The Military Cross." It consists of a Cross of silver having on each arm the Imperial Crown and bearing in the centre the letters G.I.R. It is ordained that no person shall be eligible for this Decoration nor be nominated thereto unless he is a Captain, a Commissioned Officer of a lower grade, or a Warrant Officer in the Army, or the Indian or Colonial Military Forces.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1930.
To mark the 80th birthday of President Masaryk, which occurs on March 7, the Czech Parliament has voted him a personal gift of over £120,000. President Masaryk was the son of a coachman and started life as an employee of a Vienna locksmith. He is the first President of the Republic.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1935.
The U. S. Navy Department has disclosed that Pan-American Airways has asked for permission to use Midway and Wake Islands, in the Hawaiian group, and space in Guam, for experimental trans-Pacific flight bases.

Those "Miserable" Golf Clubs

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Allies contrived to wield it throughout that championship.

Another occasion was during the Open at Hoylake in 1936. Finding that his putter failed to comply with the necessary regulations, Gene Sarazen borrowed an old brass-headed club with which he gave a brilliant exhibition of consistent green work throughout the week.

"CALAMITY JANE"
The classic example, of course, was when Jimmy Marsden lent Bobby Jones an old rusty putter whilst playing over the Long Island course. Jones sunk so many putts that Marsden presented it to him at the end of the round.

The club was later christened "Calamity Jane" and brought immortal fame to its owner. What a pity that the late Harry Vardon was unable to find such inspiration, for, despite his wonderful record, he was, by his own confession, an indifferent putter.

One man who suffered agonies trying to find this putting elixir was Leo Diegel. His record makes impressive reading, but his brilliance is not due to his putting. Few people realised at the time that he was left with a possible putt on the last green at St. Andrews to win the 1933 Open. He failed, in a state of nervous tension, and missed the return to tie. It seems strange that a man, who can confidently drive a ball three hundred yards down the centre of the fairway, should be reduced to a state of indecision over a yard putt, yet such is golf. In Diegel's case, he was faced with a problem that has confronted many golfers. His trouble was a form of acute muscular tension which brought about a distressing nervous condition whenever he had to putt.

"PUTTING 'JITTERS'"
Diegel tried every possible cure for this trouble, popularly known as "putting 'jitters'." As a last resort he consulted a neurologist, with a certain amount of success. He was told that he would have to eliminate his fingers as far as he could from the execution of the shot, as they are more liable to nervous tension than any other part of the body. This he managed to do to a certain extent by putting from the shoulders, which are the least affected by nervous troubles.

The result was that Diegel produced the weird putting stance which was soon called "Diegeling." This

No Re-Export To Reich

How Britain's War Trade Facts Operate

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The aims of British war trade agreements were outlined by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by Miss Ward whether the Government, in any agreement concluded or under negotiations with neutral governments, had consented to the continuation of re-export to Germany by the neutral countries concerned.

Mr. Cross in reply stated that war trade agreements generally aimed at securing guarantees against the re-export of contraband goods to Germany with machinery for their enforcement, thus facilitating the operation of our contraband control and at the same time enabling the neutral countries concerned to maintain their domestic economy.

Belligerent Rights

Mr. Cross emphasised that there was nothing in the agreements which prevented us from exercising our full belligerent rights in respect of any consignments in regard to which we had evidence of an enemy destination.

There had been no substantial difficulty in securing that the machinery in neutral countries for preventing the re-export to Germany of their overvalued imports, especially foodstuffs and raw materials, should be operated in a manner satisfactory to us.

With regard to goods which these countries reduced themselves, the countries concerned usually stipulated that such goods might be expected to both belligerents on a second-time level.

Cases where a neutral country had a manufacturing industry depending on imports of raw materials were most difficult to deal with, and our aim in the case of important commodities had been by agreement to prevent entirely, or restrict to trifling quantities, exports of such manufactures to Germany.

awkward-looking crouch solved many of his former fears, but, at the same time, he created a great deal of trouble for others through his new style. Some golfers are always experimenting, and many tried to adopt this stance which was totally unsuited to their style.

LETTERS

Finland's Appeal To Sportsmen

To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph"

Sir,—The International Olympic Committee entrusted Finland with organising the XIIth Olympic Games in Helsinki, capital of the Finnish Republic. Finland and her sportsmen accepted this commission with gratitude and, thanks to the generous sacrifices of the entire nation the preparations had progressed so far by the Autumn of 1939 that the successful realisation of the Games seemed assured. In a cheerful and confident spirit we looked forward to the arrival of the world's athletes and sportsmen as our guests.

When the European war broke out last autumn, Finland decided to continue her preparations for the Olympic Games. We thought that even in time of war it was important to keep alive the Olympic ideal, an idea that would unite all the nations of the world in a spirit of peace and brotherhood. We felt that it was our duty to arrange the Games at the very time when their significance, as a symbol of goodwill among the nations, was greater than ever. Shortly after having been entrusted with the Games we defined their aim, to be a feast which would awaken, in all individuals and nations, a desire for mutual understanding and hold before the eyes of a world, infected with discord and suspicion, the ideal of peace.

But when less than a year remained before the Games, Bolshevik Russia attacked our peaceful people, thereby violating her Nonaggression Pact with Finland. She disclosed her intentions by making air raids on the unfortified Olympic City killing women and children with bombs and machine guns. Russia's aim is to destroy Finland's independence through bloodshed and fire.

The people of Finland have taken up arms as one man. They have abandoned their peacetime occupations and are now using all their power to defend their right to their native land. The nation fights for its very existence.

At this moment Finland is not sending out information about the Games. Nevertheless the Organising Committee of the XIIth Olympic Games has met in order to make this appeal to the athletes and sportsmen of the world. We beseech you, our fellow athletes and sportsmen in all parts of the world, to think of Finland at this moment—Finland, the country which was entrusted with the XIIth Olympic Games, the country, which expected to greet the flower of the world's youth as her guests at this great festival of peace, the country which has been attacked without the slightest justification by a Great Power pursuing its bolshevist policy.

And when you are thinking of Finland may you understand that, however encouraging the sympathy shown us by the world has been, it is not sufficient for a nation struggling against an enemy fifty times greater in size and power. It's up to you, also, Athletes and Sportsmen of the world, to decide whether this appeal from the Organising Committee of the XII Olympic Games shall be a last message or not.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE XIIth OLYMPIC GAMES:

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EINAR KROGUS, Vice Chairman, Member of the International Olympic Committee.
UNIO KESKINEN, Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Finnish Olympic Committee.
ERIK VON FENCKELL, Vice Chairman, Olympic Commissioner of the City of Helsinki, Helsinki, December 1939.

URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will kindly publish the enclosed circular letter which has been sent to every elector.

For the information of the public permit me to add that every one whose name is in the Jurors List, as well as those exempted from Jury Service, are entitled to vote.

R. A. DE CASTRO BASTO.
My present term of office on the Urban Council having expired, an election is being held in respect of the seat, Thursday, February 29th at the Supreme Court, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. I have been proposed for re-election by the Hon. Sir, Henry Pollock, K.C., and seconded by Major C. M. Mannara, O.B.E., and I solicit your support by registering your vote in my favour on that date.
Throughout my service on the Urban Council, extending over the past nine years, I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to serve the interests of the whole Colony, irrespec-

To Protect Seamen From War Dangers

Chamber Of Shipping's Recommendations

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Life-saving jackets which a crew could wear at work, and the provision of rafts for all on board were among the recommendations made by the British Chamber of Shipping to its members as safety measures to meet the danger of ships being torpedoed or mined. This is revealed in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping. Other recommendations included the provision of illumination on rafts and on an increased number of life-buoys, alternative lighting on ships and electric torches for members of the crew.

Higher Running Costs

The report dealt with the increased running costs for shipping, pointing out that a deep sea tramp steamer of about 9,000 tons would, in April, 1939, have cost £235 per day to run, £48 per day in September, 1939, and £51 per day in January, 1940.

A vessel which would have cost £100,000 to build in 1938 cost £120,000 immediately before the war and would cost £160,000 to-day.

The report points out that there is not a single shipbuilding yard idle in this country. Foreign competition, so far from diminishing, was being greatly strengthened. Under the first step towards maintaining British shipping, says the report, there must be a strengthening of the financial position of the industry during the war in order that it might be able to compete with foreign shipping after the war.

Advocates of any sectional or racial representation, I have consistently advocated the improvement of existing hygienic and sanitary conditions, and the development of health-mindedness in the community. I have been responsible for raising many questions of vital importance to public health, and as far back as 1932 advocated measures in respect of Health Propaganda on the lines now being introduced.

In the event of re-election I shall renew my endeavours in pursuit of the objects to which I have devoted special consideration during my past terms of office, and I have every confidence in requesting your co-operation in these efforts by according me your vote at the election.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. A. DE CASTRO BASTO.

Sir,—In this morning's issue of the public press, I have read with much interest the propaganda issued by the nominators of Dr. Basto. Without wishing to criticise the qualifications of either candidate, I would like to point out that degrees and diplomas—carrying the whole alphabet after one's name—are no essential for the appointment of a member of the Urban Council. Several members at present serving on the Urban Council have no degrees or similar qualifications whatsoever.

I think it is common knowledge that this vacant seat on the Council is intended for a representative of the local Portuguese community. From inquiries I have made, it appears that there are a large number of the members of the Portuguese community who are in favour of Dr. Rodrigues for the simple reason that they believe he will be as good a member as Dr. Basto and that they desire to see blood being introduced in worthy representatives of the community in connexion with the civic affairs of this Colony.

Answers To Correspondent

LUSITANIAN: If the Club de Recreio desire publication of their circular they must send it to us themselves.—Ed.

SPORTS ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 9th March, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 29th February, 1940.

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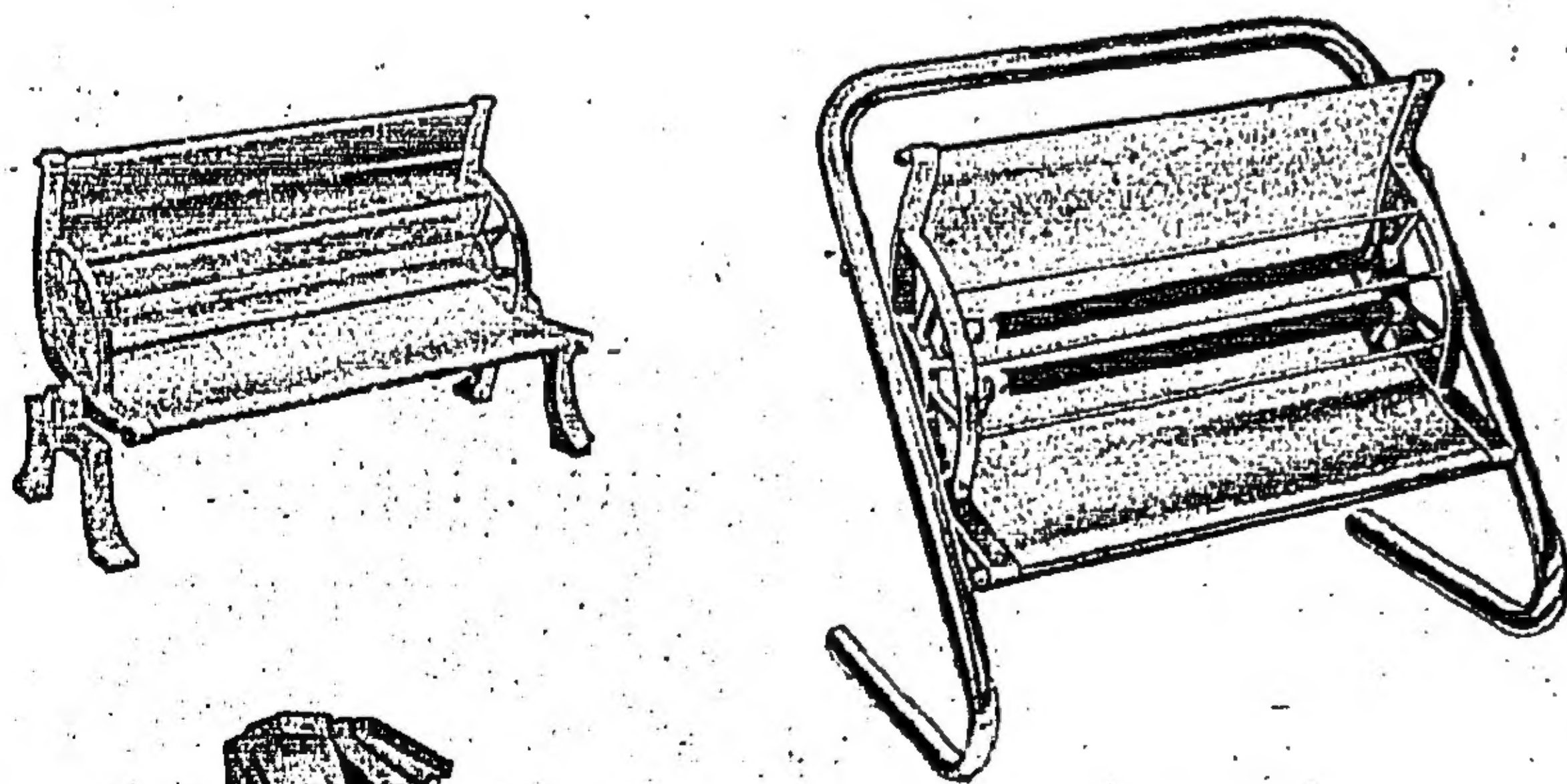
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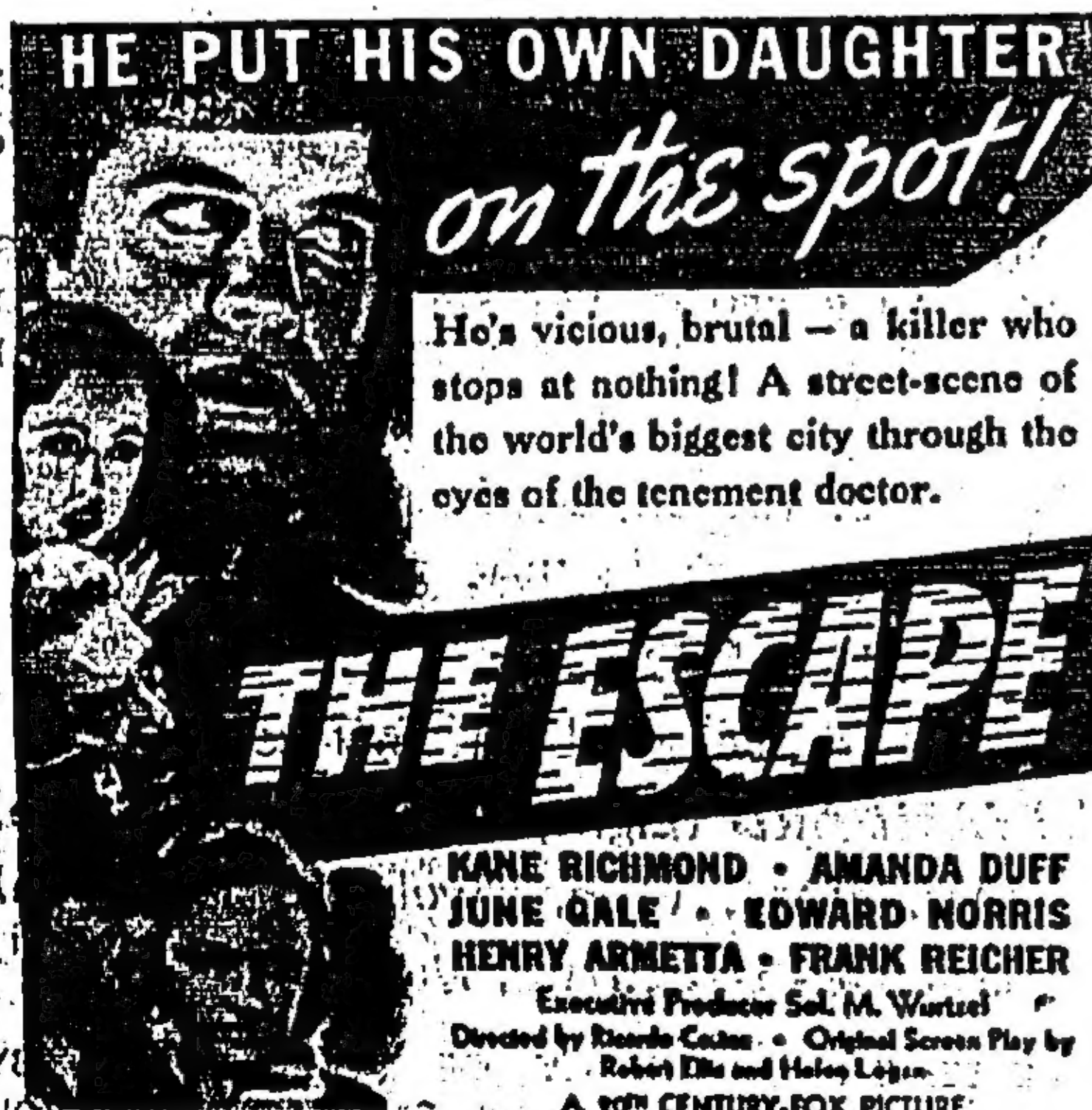
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KING CHARLES WAS CARELESS

So There's a Battle
About Land in U.S.

TRENTON, N. J. (UP)—New Jersey is preparing to renew its fight with Delaware over the boundary line between the states, as fixed nearly 200 years ago.

The litigation resulted from a carelessly-drawn charter signed by King Charles II of England, dealing a tract of land to his brother, James, which took in the shoreline in a 12-mile radius from New Castle, Del.

The U. S. Supreme Court in 1934 decided a boundary dispute in favour of Delaware, but last year an old deed and surrender were found in which James turned the lands back to King Charles.

New Jersey officials appropriated \$2,500 to bring William Lehardy, London documenter, to this country, and he established authenticity of the documents.

New Jersey hopes to get rights to shore lands, off which are valuable fishing grounds.

Innocent Man's Name Used

Day Of Anxiety For
Soldier's Mother

A police inspector called at the home of Mrs. H. V. Sturgess, of Barton-court-avenue, Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire, recently saying that he was making inquiries about her son, Gordon Sturgess.

The inspector shocked her by saying that her son was in custody on a charge of stealing a suitcase from a train at King's Cross Station.

Although she was sure that a mistake had been made, many hours passed before her anxieties were relieved.

The other side of the story was told at Clerkenwell Police Court when an unknown man, sentenced for the offence, was asked to have given three different names to the police, including Gordon Sturgess, who is serving as a gunner in an Anti-Aircraft battery in Hampshire.

"Ruthless And Brutal"
Mr. F. O. Langley, the Magistrate, described the prisoner's conduct as "ruthless and brutal," and expressed the hope that the widest publicity would be given to clearing Mr. Sturgess' name.

Mrs. Sturgess described her hours of anxiety.
"When the inspector called here one Sunday night, saying that he had just been instructed from London to make inquiries about Gordon, it gave me the most terrible fright of my life," she said.

I knew it could not be true, but the worry made me ill. Gordon had been home on Christmas leave and left on Saturday to return to his camp.

"I told the inspector that and assured him that there must be some mistake. I did not hear another thing all day on Christmas Day. Eventually got in touch by telephone with Gordon at 10 o'clock on Christmas night, and he assured me that he knew nothing about it."

"I really did not need that assurance, because Gordon is such a steady-going boy, but it was a wonderful relief to hear from him. He rang up again and said that the police had seen him at his camp and had told him that someone had used his name."

Never His Address
"How on earth Gordon's name should have been used I cannot understand. He worked for the American Tobacco Company at Southampton and lived there in rooms. It was not often that he could get home, so that this was never really his address. He was in the Territorials for two years and was called up at the outbreak of war."

"My husband is away in Bristol on war work and could not get home for Christmas, and, so far as I know, cannot have heard of this terrible business. I have written to him to-day telling about it."

"The magistrate was not exaggerating when he said that the man was ruthless and brutal. I have never heard of such a heartless thing. I am grateful to the magistrate and the police for the way they have undressed the wrong this man did to my son."

Mascot Was Stowaway

PETER, an Alsatian dog, was left behind when the battalion to which he had attached himself was transferred from the north to the south of England—or so they thought.

But when the battalion detrained, Peter materialised from nowhere barking and wagging his tail. He had stowed away among the baggage.

Peter is to continue as the battalion's mascot.

B.E.F. dumps are all full

By O. D. GALLAGHER
Daily Express War Reporter

WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE.

EVERY British gun in France could fire day and night for several months (or until the guns were worn out), and still they wouldn't exhaust our dumps of ammunition hidden in the safety spots of France.

Shell shortage? Not this time, I think. All the bases in the original B.E.F. plan have been filled, and, as more ammunition arrives from home every week, new bases are being established.

I've just finished a tour of the B.E.F. bases, and although I had a big car for the job I couldn't get round to all of them in the four days allotted me.

I saw millions of shells in camouflaged dumps, I can't give exact figures, but we've infinitely more shells ready for B.E.F. guns than were used by both sides throughout the Abyssinian and Spanish wars.

And bombs. . . . It gives me a Blitzkrieg headache to think of them.

High explosive and incendiary bombs stacked in piles, individual piles don't grow very big, because last time we had the bad habit of putting most of our high-explosive eggs in a few big baskets. Instead of losing a few hundred tons, if there was an accident, we lost thousands of tons. We've learned a lesson.

I saw our biggest dump. It is miles from anywhere and, like B.E.F. G.H.Q., is blitzkrieg-proof. It is scattered over thousands of acres of ground.

It receives ammunition from a distant port by various methods of transport. It is a small town in itself. Electric power plant of its

own, fire-fighting department, small church, laboratory, and even its own newspaper (with illustrations).

The men with the most dangerous jobs work in the laboratory and repair shop. The first group examine shells and bombs periodically, much as a nurse takes a patient's temperature; the second group repair any damage done to them in transport.

High Explosive

Labour companies here are tough as lumber-jacks. Most of them come from the West Country. You should hear some of them talking French.

Since they've been on the job they have handled several tons of H.E. a day. The most difficult to handle are the bombs, because of their weight. There are no mechanical aids for this.

They are an awkward shape, too. And talking about big things. They've at last got the B.E.F.'s biggest soldier into battle dress.

Weight twenty stone, girth fifty-four inches. Aged thirty-nine. He came over in civvies, and worked in those clothes for some time until he was spotted by Sir John Dill. Explanation given him was that there was nothing to fit him at the Army stores.

Sir John was cross, and gave orders that "Tiny" should be fitted, pronto. So "Tiny" went to a French tailor, who measured him for a battle dress.

LATE NEWS

(Continued from Page 1.)

vent Russian imports from reaching Germany.

This announcement is interpreted here as indicating that friction between Soviet Russia and Britain has increased.

"The scheme will impose an additional task on the British Navy in the north Pacific," said Mr. Cross, in making the announcement.

As far as tin, rubber and other raw materials are concerned, it would appear easier and cheaper for Britain to control exports to Russia at their source rather than by a full-fledged naval blockade.

However, it is considered likely that Mr. Cross, who has been criticised extensively regarding alleged gaps in the British blockade of Germany, may have made his statement from a desire to placate members of Parliament rather than because the British Government is on the verge of attempting to establish Contraband Control in two oceans.

H.K. As Contraband Control Base

It was recently suggested in London that Hongkong would become a British Contraband Control base if Britain decided to establish regular control in the Pacific.

Informed quarters have suggested that Britain will establish such Control in the Pacific the minute she feels it is justifiable and Hongkong is regarded as the most likely location.

Britain is thought to have been carefully watching the movements of cargoes en route to Germany via Vladivostok and the trans-Siberian railway.

Although Britain has no regular contraband control base anywhere in the Pacific, it is recalled that the Soviet steamer Selenga, which was en route from Manila to Vladivostok, was brought into Hongkong after having been intercepted near Formosa.

Governor's Suggestion
A recent "United Press" despatch from Manila stated that the Hongkong Governor had recently telegraphed the British-Foreign Office, advising the establishment of branches of the Ministry of Economic Warfare in Hongkong, Shanghai and Singapore, for the purpose of controlling the export of war commodities to Russia.

Hongkong naval circles are also stated to have urged that strong representations be made to London for the establishment of a Contraband Control station in the British Colony, because of the increasing number of ships being chartered by Hongkong firms for trading with Vladivostok.

ASAMA MARU NAZIS RELEASED

NINE OF the twenty-one Germans who were removed from the N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru last month and who are now interned in Hongkong are to be returned to Japan tomorrow.

The nine men will be taken to Japan in a British vessel, and will be handed over to the Japanese authorities at a spot off Yokohama.

An official communique to this effect was issued by the naval authorities in Hongkong this morning. The communique stated:

"It is expected that on February 29 nine German nationals who were recently taken from the Asama Maru by a British warship will be returned to the Japanese authorities."

"They are to be brought from Hongkong in a British vessel and handed over off Yokohama to representatives of the Japanese Government."

It was announced in Tokyo yesterday that arrangements for the transfer of the nine Germans had been completed at a final conference between the British Ambassador and the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

RIGHT TO SINK ANYTHING, CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Feb. 28 (UP)—The German Government has claimed the "theoretical right" to sink any neutral ships which obtain a navicert certificate from a British Consul in any neutral port.

The right to sink such shipping is reserved, it is stated in authoritative circles, even if the vessel is en route from one neutral port to another without touching at a belligerent port.

Defining this attitude, a spokesman states that neutral vessels submit themselves to the Allied contraband control when they give British Consular officials details of their cargo, just as much as when they enter a British controlled port.

The German weaken their argument somewhat by declaring: "We will break the British blockade one way or another."

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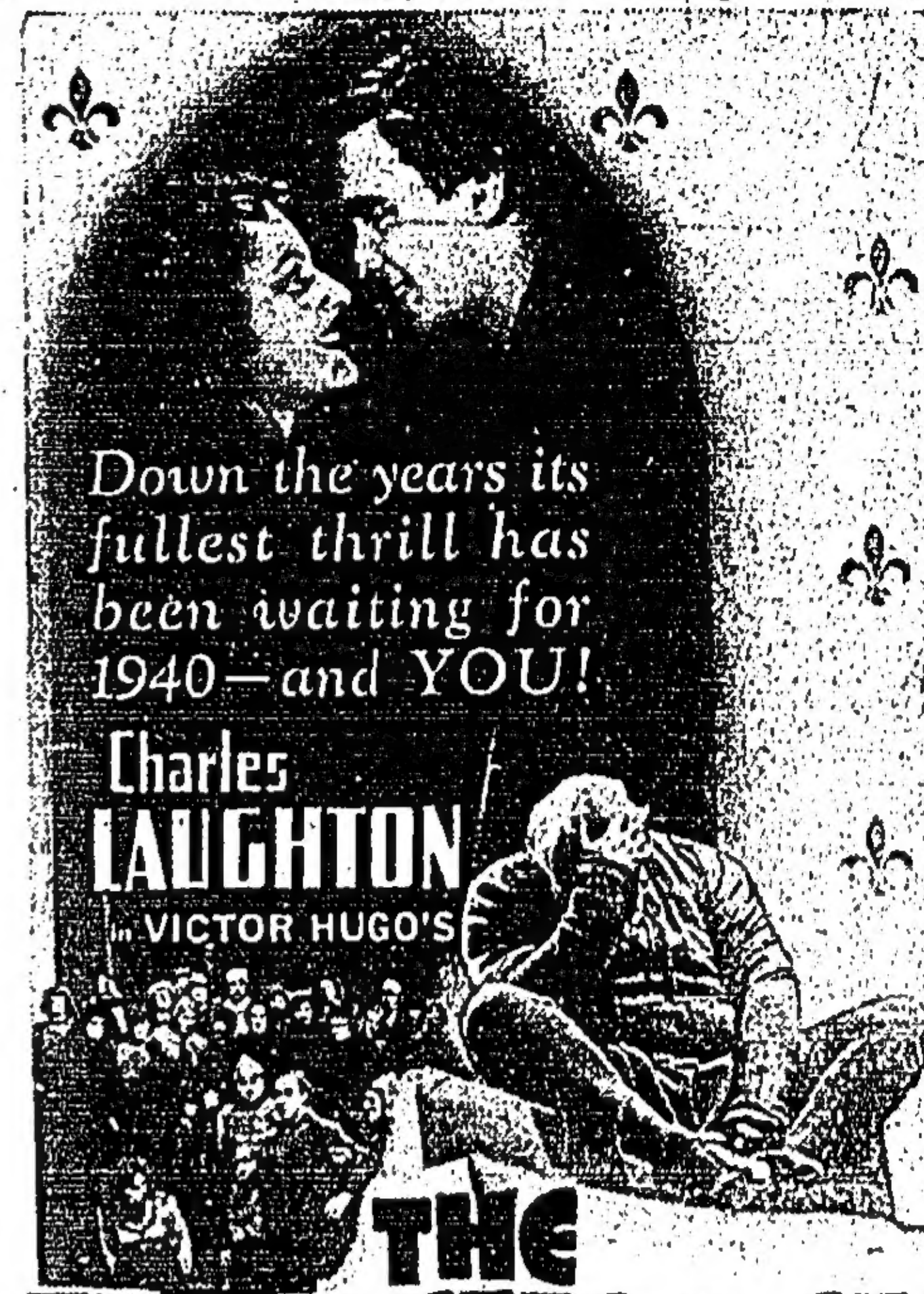
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